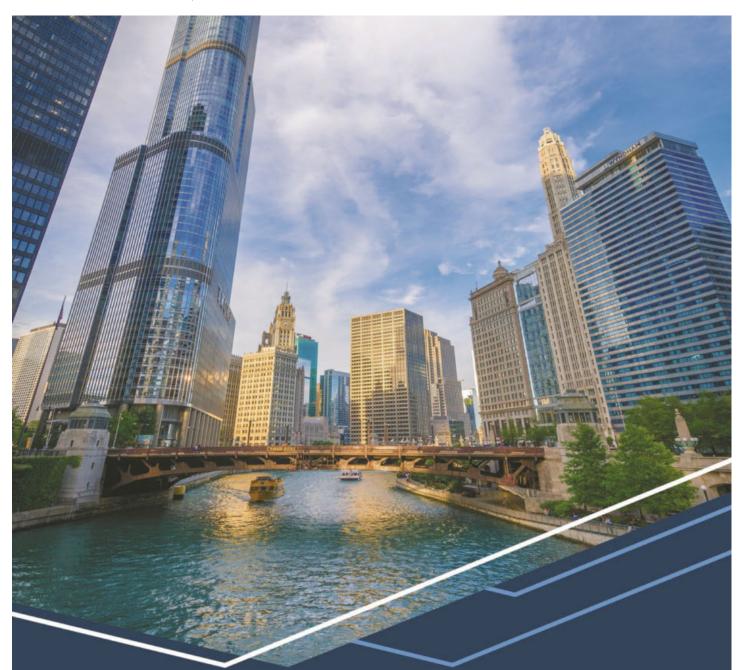


CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

- Lk 14:28, 33

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 7, 2025

Opening Hymn

Take Up Your Cross #801

Responsorial Psalm #1160

Psalm 90: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Communion Hymns

Eye Has Not Seen #728

I Give You My Heart #2051

You Are My All in All #2081

The Love of the Lord #792

Closing Hymn

Lead Me, Lord #2056

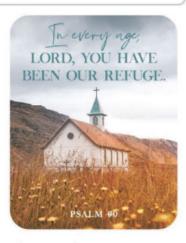
Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel:

Luke 14:25-33



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.

St. Michael the Archangel

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

A CUP OF JOE

Greetings in Christ, all!

Wow...great things are happening and I'm so excited to update you all.

Let's start with the organ pipes.

Hopefully, as you read this, you can see them in the church. What you cannot see is that there are almost 1,000



individual pipes. When we removed them from storage, they were quite dirty and I'm so so so grateful for all the amazing people who came to the church on Tuesday and helped us clean them. Were it not for the many selfless and diligent people who showed up, we would not be looking at those pipes being up so early. Thank you with all of my heart: everything goes better at the parish when people throw in.

If you don't see organ pipes in the church, it's because something went wrong and I don't want to talk about it. :)

It'll take about a week to get all the air lines and electronic parts hooked up, as well as tuning the organ. Once it's all done, we will have a Blessing of the Organ before each Mass. This may be as early as next weekend. The Catholic Church teaches us that pipe organs are a special instrument in worship and we are so grateful to have them back!

Now, this is all leaving a big gap in the wall in the gathering area. Just as a reminder, we are having statues coming for that area. We will rework the wood that is there and end up with a beautiful arrangement of statues of the Twelve Apostles...praise God. Those statues are being carved right now in Italy by the same folks who did our Mary and Joseph statues. I can't wait!

Thank you with all my heart for all the generous donors who stepped forward and helped us get these pipes moved and for those who adopted the apostle statues... God is good!

On September 14th, we begin our new Religious Education program which we call Family Formation. The sessions will be held on scheduled Sundays and start at 9:15 am, break for the 10 am Mass and then resume after Mass. For the session after Mass, I will be teaching the adults while our volun-

teers teach our kids by grade. If you haven't signed up yet, please be sure and do so. If you are in a position to volunteer to help with this program, it's only two Sundays a month and is not a big time commitment. Please call the parish office asap and let them know you are ready to jump in!

I'd like to close on a personal note. My Mom's birthday is September 8th and I want to thank Jesus for her. She was a great mom and I miss her every day.

Also, September 8th is the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary so I encourage you to stop by the Church and ask Our Blessed Mother to pray for you, your family and our Church.

I love you guys and I love being your priest.



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STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP

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**, **September 10th**, at 10:00 am. Questions? Contact Lauren Barton 248-894-2485.

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 this **Sunday**, **September 7** (the first Sunday of every month), shortly after the end of 10:00 AM Mass.



"Others First" is This Weekend

We depend on your generosity to stock our Outreach Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. If you forgot to bring your food items to Mass this weekend, you can still bring them in any other weekend or you may drop them off during the week at Outreach (the white building north of the church) Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Please be sure that any donated foods are not beyond their expiration date. We are not able to share them.



Milestone Wedding Anniversaries

Are you or someone you know celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025: 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50+ years of marriage? If so, please contact the parish office to let them know. The diocese is grateful for your witness and would like to particularly honor you on this momentous occasion.

55 & Over Club

For we walk by faith and not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

Faith is daring the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see.

Join us **Tuesday, September 9th**, at 11:30 am in the large hall of the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Bring lunch. We'll have cake to celebrate the September birthdays. Board meeting at 11:00 am.



Mandatory Parent-Child Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 Holy Family Church

The evening will begin with Mass at 6 pm with the meeting immediately following (approx. 6:30 pm).



Mandatory Parent Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 Holy Family Church

The evening will begin with Mass at 6 pm with the meeting immediately following (approx. 6:30 pm).





Stewardship of Treasure

Registered families		2056
Envelopes received this week Mail-in givers this week Online givers this week		122 29 247
Amount offered from envelopes Amount offered from mail Amount offered from online giving Amount offered from visitors Total weekly offerings	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	6,090.00 1,911.00 15,952.00 722.00 24,675.00

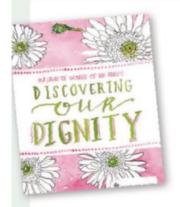
Recipient of 1.25% tithing on Others First weekend:
Catholic Charities of Genesee & Shiawassee Counties
is the Diocesan umbrella for the two counties, providing
marriage counseling and addiction help, funding the
Warming Center, foster care and adoption services, prevention and education programs, as well as the meal programs.

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Join us for **Discovering Our Dignity** as we study women of the Old and New Testaments who we as flawed and broken as we can be and yet the power of God worked in their lives.





Thurs, Sept. 11 - April 16 at 9 -11:00 am St. Joseph Center

or

Thurs, Sept. 11 - April 16 at 7 - 8:30 pm via Zoom

Discovering Our Dignity: \$45 (link to purchase book found in registration)

To register and for more information, **go to hfgb.org** or Holy Family app!



For more information, contact:

Vikki Lasota
vlasota@msn.com or 248-653-2117

walking with purpose

WELCOME.

Our newest parishioners

We welcome our newest families that have joined Holy Family. Let's continue to make them, and anyone else who walks through our doors, welcome.

Cassandra and Benjamin Good

Sean and Pamela Shadaia, sons Adam, Daniel and Joseph

Timothy and Rachael Ross, children Lily and Gabriel Rick and Tiffany Hyde, and daughter Lily

Linda Christensen

Zachary and Jessica Baker

Marian McClellon

Don Egler

Ashley Daniels and Noah Fisher

Sisters, do you need an excuse to sit and read good books?

Well-Read

Mom is a Catholic book club that draws women (not just moms) together to read and dis-

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Read more. Read well.

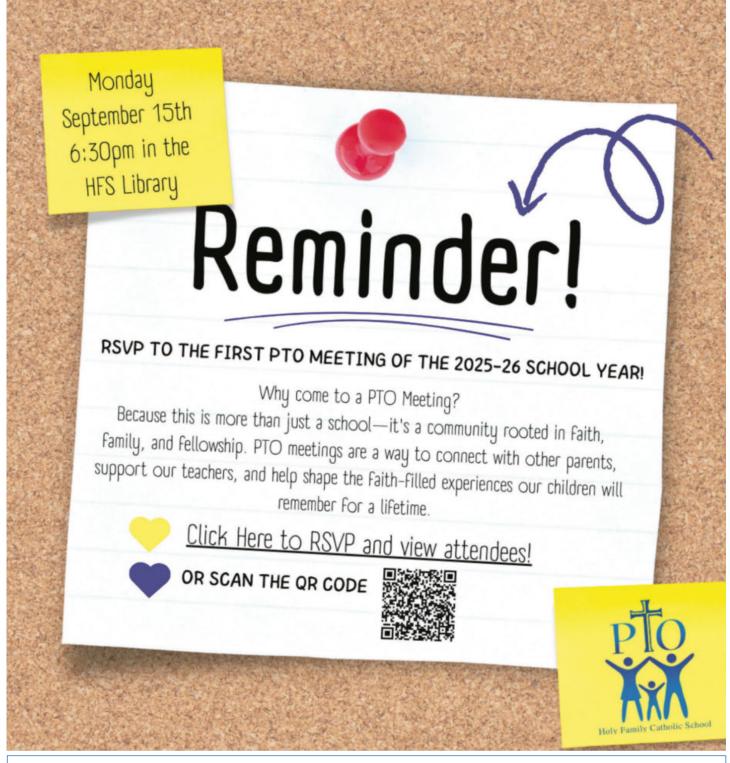
books and spiritual classics. Last year we read *Peace like a River*, *Cry the Beloved Country*, and *Ruth*, along with other classics. This year's theme is THE TEACHER, and we'll read books by Graham Greene, Jane Austen, and Victor Hugo. Membership in Well-Read Mom also offers access to great reading suggestions for all ages of children. Monthly meetings will be held at Holy Family starting on **Thursday**, **September 11**, at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Bush Parish Center (large hall). If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Petrides 810-265-4189, or visit wellreadmom.com to register or for more information.



Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Please join us in devotion each Wednesday in church after the 6:00 PM Mass to pray the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL





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

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

Family Formation -

New Religious Education Model

We are excited to introduce *Family Formation*, a new model for Religious Education at Church of the Holy Family.

This family-centered approach is rooted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and brings children and parents together to grow in faith through shared experiences, prayer, and learning.

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Schedule

Family Formation Sundays will now be built around the 10:00 AM Mass:

- 9:15-10:00 AM Parent & child/ren session
- 10:00 AM Mass Worship together as a family
- After Mass-Noon Children head to classrooms while Fr. Joe leads the parent session

This schedule keeps Sunday afternoons free for family time while strengthening our faith as a parish.

Program Details

- Grades 1–5: Parents and children begin together, then children meet by grade level while parents receive catechesis. Sessions conclude with prayer and fellowship.
- **Grades 6–8:** Gather in a youth group–style format. Parents are welcome, but not required.
- Sacramental Preparation: First Reconciliation and First Communion are included in Family Formation and introduced in the 2nd-grade sessions.
- Confirmation Preparation is separate.

Registration

Enrollment is now open!

• \$150 after September 1 Fees include materials, snacks, beverages, and sacramental prep.

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to help guide or assist during Sunday sessions? No experience is required—we provide all training and support. Let God use your gifts! Contact the Parish Office to learn more.

Let's grow together in faith, build lasting community, and help our children know and love Jesus.

For the full schedule, details, and sign-up forms, please visit hfgb.org or scan the QR code.



Holy Family Needle Crafters

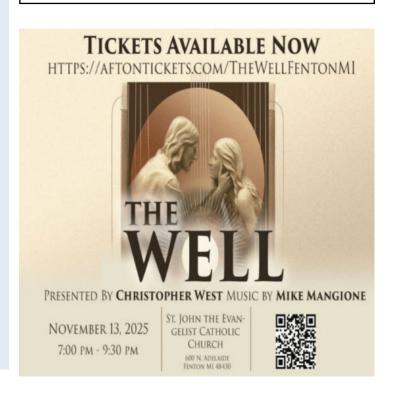
Welcome back! Our next meeting will be **Monday, September 8**, at 9:30 am at **Sophia's Kitchen** located at 11395 S Saginaw St, Grand Blanc, MI 48439. Please bring your homemade creations for our charities. We will discuss future projects and charities.

Interested in sewing, quilting, knitting, crocheting or crafts? Want to learn? Please join us!! No experience needed.

Marian Keenan 810-348-3034 or Rose Mary Gorke 810-394-5485

Knights' Breakfast is Back

The Knights of Columbus' monthly breakfast will be **Sunday, September 14th**, 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 St. Luke's N.E.W. Life Center. Great food and fellowship.



Mass Intentions September 8 - 13

Monday, September 8

8:00 AM Martha Krupp by Fr. Joe Krupp

Tuesday, September 9

8:00 AM John Kowalczyk by Stephen & Rosalie Rudzki, Kenneth & Dorothy Kowalczyk

Wednesday, September 10

8:00 AM Richard G. Lope by Holy Family School 6:00 PM Steven and John Greene by Nance Greene

Thursday, September 11

8:00 AM Peter Espinoza by Walt (the late) and Lorraine Schoendorff

Friday, September 12

8:00 AM Nancy Tiernan (Living) by Judy Bourdeau Saturday Sontombor 13

Saturday, September 13

8:00 AM Theresa Newblatt by Janice Hennen 4:00 PM Robert Shegos by Jim and Lynn Lusty

Sunday, September 14

8:00 AM All Holy Family Parishioners

10:00 AM Stephen Harchick by Jim and Lorri O'Dea

12:00 PM Patricia Boyle by Kathleen and Frank Cowden

Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

Two Masses for Peggy Wagner by Janice Hennen Fr. Joe Krupp (Living) by Lorraine Schoendorff

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.

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.

Liturgical Ministry - September 13 - 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

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

Bethany Zloto Doug Zloto Ainsley Batey

Martha Bonifazi
Altar Servers:

James Londrigan Liam Verdun Colin Batey

Tony Bonifazi

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi Lectors: Jim Garland, Kim Dinger Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jim Lusty Andrea Raysin Adam Raysin

Spencer Raysin Altar Servers: (help needed - 4)

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp **Lectors:** Ken Mraz, Kelly Teem

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

(help needed - 1) Dave Bennett Jonathan Bodus

Cindy Brendel Altar Servers:

Cael Cech Caleb Craft Joseph Craft

Stephen O'Rourke

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi Lectors: Mike Wilson, Karen Allen Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Amelia Elston Bill Harris Scott Heron

Kathy Hunady Altar Servers:

Kolten Barry Will Urbanik Alexander Rua

Owen Cameron

Weekly Readings September 8 - 13

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-

16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk

6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38 **Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk

6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk

6:43-49

Pray the Patriotic Rosary

Please come to pray in the church at **4 p.m. every Thursday** to "Put God Back in America." The more voices, the more powerful the prayer. For information, call Richard Dent at 810-624-2996.



Knightly Update

September 2025

Mother of Perpetual Help Council 6742

Knights Monthly Meals Resume in September!

Our "More Than Just Pancakes" breakfasts and Spaghetti Dinners resume on September 14th and September 17th in the Father Bush Parish Center. Profits from these two meals go toward our support of the St. Luke's N.E.W. Life Center. See the bulletin ads for details. Come join us for great food and fellowship!

New Members

Two new members joined our Council in August, Clayton Dillard and Stephen Pawelkowski. Welcome, brothers!

Coats for Kids

We will be joining the other Councils in the area for our annual **Coats for Kids** event at the Center for Hope in downtown Flint on November 8th. We are now collecting new and slightly used coats. We could also use gloves and mittens, hats and scarves. If you can donate, please drop them off to Joe Buffa, 12763 Grace Ct, Grand Blanc, MI 48439.

September Calendar

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Date	Time	Event	<u>Location</u>
Sept 11	7:30 pm	Council Meeting	FB - sm hall
Sept 13/27	9 am	Men's Bible Study	SJC
Sept 14	9 am	Pancake Breakfast	FBPC
Sept 17	5 pm	Spaghetti Dinner	FBPC
Sept 18	6:30 pm	Into the Breach	St. Mark's
Sept 25	7:30 pm	Rosary Meeting	FB - sm hall
Sept 28	11:30 an	n Dist Officers Instal	I St. Robert's
Oct. 5	11:10 ar	n Family Rosary	HF Church

FBPC - Fr. Bush Parish Center SJC - St. Joseph 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.

In August, NNLB helped 83 families receive 811 household items, from dishes to appliances, including

78 kids/adults who we were able to deliver beds to. For each day we get an extra volunteer, we can help four more families receive items. We could also use volunteers to sort bedding and unbox kitchenware.

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.

August Knight of the Month – Jayson Richert

Jayson stepped up to fill the position of Treasurer in our Council. In addition, he is very active in our Tootsie Roll drives and is a member of our Exemplification team. He is also an usher at Holy Family and very involved with Holy Family School. He is an excellent example of a Knight putting his faith into action!

August Family of the Month – David & Teresa Fredericks

Dave is active with our Spaghetti Dinners and he and Teresa work with the Holy Family 6th graders to plant, grow and harvest the school garden. At harvest, the produce goes to the Holy Family Outreach. They are a great example of a family putting their faith into action!

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



For September In Memory of

The Boyer Family by Suzanne Hutto

Josephine Caballes by Ngo Family death anniversary September 2nd

Dr. Edgardo Paguio by Alegria Paguio

Danny Paris by Diane Paris

Robert & Valeria Bartley by Pat Dailey

In Honor of

Jerry and Jane Avereyn 61st wedding anniversary - September 12, 1964

Jeffrey Ngo and Ramon Caballes by Ngo Family September 12th and September 29th birthdays

Edward and Renee Sandor 50th wedding anniversary - September 12, 1975



Rachel Phillpotts and Daniel Charboneau
September 13, 2025



Eucharistic

Adoration Every Tuesday 2 pm - 6 pm

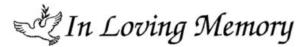
Every Friday 12 pm - 4 pm

Please Pray for Our III and

Their Caregivers

Dear God, We place our worries into your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more... Barbara Baumgardner, Tubicza Crawford, Linda Daunt, Sue Duffy, Linda Farnsworth, Cameron Fox, Pat Gaines, Tom Goyette, Barbara Greene, John Habbel, William R. Hartley, Cherie Heading, Eddie Heading, Ella Janson, Judy Linkowski, Roy Linkowski, Jason Londrigan, Kate Londrigan, Zalaya Marve, Jacqueline Maul, Denise Mazzie, Sharon McDonald, Cathy Michalak, Mary Miller, Renee Parizon, Joseph Partyka, Sheila Peltier, Andy Roth, Diane Sabo, Lorraine Schoendorff, Laura Shaotha-Gaines, Tom Smith, Rob Toth, George Tracy, and Patty Tracy.

To add or remove someone from our prayer list, we need the person or an immediate family member to call the parish office (810) 694-4891 or e-mail the name to us at: holyfamily@hfgb.org. We will keep the names on the list for three months and then remove them unless we are notified, but you are welcome to re-submit names. We want to help our ill and their caregivers with prayer.



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

September 7

Mary Ellen Dunn, Raymond McVeigh, June Polidan, Robert Kubik, Dorothy Schlaud

September 8

Joseph Globuschutz, Amelia McLean

September 9

Delores Nichter, Joseph Delaney, Harry Royer, Dcn. Jack Daunt

September 10

Marguerite Antior, Gloria Bass, Mary Jane Olson

September 11

Leonard Schlaud

September 12

Richard Ethington, Mary Supples, Gordon Hastings, Kathleen Olson, Robert LePard, Aldina Rhodes

September 13

Kenneth Suska, Michael Sullivan, Thelma Murphy, William Barkey, Jr.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

For our relationship with all of creation - Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

FOLLOWING OUR FAITH

Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

207th Pope - Eugene IV (1431-47)

Born around 1383 in Venice to a wealthy merchant family. Birth name, Gabriele Condulmer. As nephew of Pope Gregory XII on his mother's side, he was appointed to his 1st position within the



Church as Bishop of Siena in 1407 at age 24. The leaders of Siena rejected this young foreigner as bishop and within months, he resigned to become a cleric of the Vatican treasury. Months later in 1408, he was named Cardinal-Priest of San Clemente. Over the next 20 years, he served as a papal legate, bishop of Bologna and a cardinal in Rome. On March 3, 1431, he was elected pope taking the name Eugene IV.

Before becoming pope, Gabriele signed an agreement in which cardinals would receive 50% of all Church revenue, leading the cardinals to quickly appoint him pope less than two weeks after Pope Martin V death.

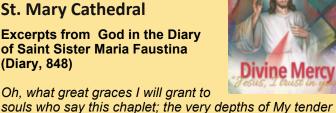
One of the first acts he performed was an attack on some of the relatives of deceased Pope Martin V. To end the attacks, they quickly gave him some of their land and money.

He continued to change and end other actions taken by the previous pope. He quickly ended the Council of Basel which was convened just before his death to address Hussite heresy (freedom to preach, freedom of communion, exclusion of clergy from owning wealth and having secular power, and accountability for mortal sins in opposition to indulgences), as well as conciliarism (challenging of papal authority, asserting that a general council held supreme power over the pope).

Pope Eugene IV was one of the longest-reigning of all popes with a tenure that lasted for 15 years and 357 days. Pope Eugene IV died February 23, 1447, around age 63 or 64.

Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

Excerpts from God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina (Diary, 848)



mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chap-



by Matthew Kelly

The Power of One Idea -

Possibilities

Everybody said it couldn't be done.

It was simply impossible for a human being to run a mile in under 4 minutes the experts proclaimed with arrogant certainty. The debate reached fever-pitch in the running community in the 1940s as Gunder Hagg of Sweden ran a mile in 4:06, then 4:04, and then 4:01. But the 40s came and went without anyone breaking the 4-minute barrier.

Gunder Haag's record sat untouched for nine long years, running experts grew even more confident in their assertion. They believed the human body had reached its limits, but one man visualized breaking the barrier.

Roger Bannister believed it was possible.

In 1954, while practicing medicine and studying for an advanced degree at Oxford, Bannister ran the mile in 3:59.4. It was a seminal moment in the world of sports and Roger Bannister instantly became a legend.

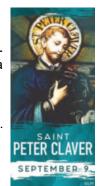
(To be continued next week)

Kelly, M. (2022). Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life. Blue Sparrow. Pg. 97-98

Saint

September 9: St. Peter Claver

A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena (now in Colombia), a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615. By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic



from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labeled "supreme villainy" by Pius IX, it continued to flourish. As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. With the help of interpreters he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's saving love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

15th Annual Living Rosary

The Michigan Knights of Columbus invite everyone young and old to the 15th Annual Living Rosary at the Michigan State Capitol on **Saturday, September 13th**, from 2-3 PM The Keynote Speaker will be John Bursch, Legal Counsel for The Alliance Defending Freedom and the Michigan Knights of Columbus.

St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center Fundraiser

We have a new name for our Octoberfest Fundraiser. Same fundraiser, with steak and/or chicken dinner, silent and live auction items, games, but a new name to reflect our Mission: **Hope in Action Fundraiser**. The date is **October 19, 2025**, held at Powers Catholic. Tickets are \$35. Please call Sr. Carol (810) 239-8710. Mark your calendar and save this date for fun, food and supporting the Mission of the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center: To help at-risk families become more sustainable. Hope to see you on the 19th!



Red Mass

Save the date for the Red Mass 2025 The Diocese of Lansing Annual Red Mass will be held at St. Mary Cathedral, **Tuesday, October 7**, at 6 p.m. A dinner reception will immediately follow. All Judges, Lawyers, Law Students and interested persons are invited. Judges receive one complimentary dinner. St. Thomas More Award Recipient: Robert J. Muise, an attorney who specializes in constitutional law.

Focus on Life Benefit Dinner

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St. John Men's Club Ouiz Bowl

Doors open 5:30, event 6:30 pm Saturday, September 27, 2025

St. John Parish Hall, 450 N Dayton St, Davison MI 48423 Please contact Jim Thomason with questions or comments at Jimethomason@gmail.com or 810-618-8084.

St. Luke Catholic School Students

We are hosting a *Pay It Forward Fundraiser and Tour* of the "old" St. Luke School Building on **Sunday**, **September 28**, from 1 – 3 pm. This event includes a tour of the building, reminiscing, barbecue and updating all in attendance of the Mission of the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center (new name of the "old" St. Luke School). We are proud to tell you that the building is well used and is in the process of being updated. It has been a source of education and assistance in the north end of Flint for twenty-three years. Come share your memories of attending St. Luke School and see what is happening today. Tickets for the event are \$25. Please call Sr. Carol (810) 239-8710.

We invite you to meet other students from St. Luke School and support your place of education.

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Unfortunately, we have discovered that the number for the Diocesan Office of Catholic Charities was "spoofed" by scammers who are claiming to provide final expense insurance. This means that the spammers have altered their caller identification to look like they are calling from the Office of Catholic Charities for the Diocese. We have reported this to the FCC and are taking action to prevent this in the future. Catholic Charities does not provide any type of insurance. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from Catholic Charities who is asking for financial information from you or claiming to be able to sell you insurance, please contact Aimee Godfrey, Director of Catholic Charities (517) 930-8517, and report the incident.

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Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. (Livestreamed), 12 p.m.

Monday - Saturday: 8 a.m. (Livestreamed) (Playback available on YouTube & Facebook)

Wednesday: 6 pm

Confession Schedule

Wednesdays 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm (before 6 pm Mass) Saturdays 8:30 am (after 8 am Mass) First Saturdays - multiple priests will hear confessions at

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Wednesday - Friday: 12 p.m.

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Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays (2 - 6 p.m.) & Fridays (12 to 4 p.m.)

Vocations - If you are interested in the priesthood, please contact Fr. Joe. If you are interested in the permanent Diaconate, please contact Dcn. Dan Medich.

Prayers & Devotions

Rosary for Peace & with Fatima Prayer

- Wednesday 4 pm

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

- Wednesday after 6 pm Mass

Pray the Patriotic Rosary (Help Put God Back in America)

- Thursday 4 pm

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