## Liturgy and Events Schedule for the Week:

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### PARISH STAFF

- **Pastor:** Fr. Dwight Ezop  
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  lewistinar02@yahoo.com
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  jhankinson@stmarycharlotte.org
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  dboston@stmarycharlotte.org

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- **St. Vincent de Paul:**  
  General Assistance (St. Ann):  
  517-775-2119
  Food Pantry (St. Mary):  
  517-543-4319 x26
  General Assistance (St. Mary):  
  517-599-3167

### ST. MARY SCHOOL & CHILDCARE

- **School:**  
  517-543-3460
- **Child Care & Pre-School:**  
  517-543-4319 x22

### SACRAMENTS

- **Anointing of Sick:** Inform the Parish Office prior to elective surgery or when someone is homebound or hospitalized.
- **Baptism:** Contact Fr. Dwight Ezop
- **Marriage:** Contact Deacon Tom Fogle
- **Becoming Catholic:** Contact Brian Epkey

### BULLETIN INFORMATION

- **Bulletin Deadline:** Monday afternoon
- **Bulletin Article Submissions:** If your organization is holding an event we are happy to post it in the bulletin, as space allows. Writing, proofreading and submitting an announcement is the responsibility of the sponsoring group. All bulletin content is subject to review by the pastor and/or parish staff and content may be edited or declined. See the parish website for all bulletin submission guidelines.
Join Us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day
In 1623, Governor William Bradford called the Pilgrims together for a day of prayer and thanksgiving. Only three years earlier, they had left their jobs, their homes and their communities in order to escape religious persecution in England. These brave men and women had survived a treacherous ocean voyage, only to find themselves stranded in a strange new land, in a harsh climate, without adequate food or shelter. During the first winter, half of them died of sickness and starvation. Those who remained had persevered, and though they faced many challenges, they had reason to give thanks.

As Governor Bradford observed, the harvest was plentiful. In the previous winter, food had been rationed to five kernels of corn per person per day. No one would go hungry this year. Whereas the other colonies had been plagued by conflict, the Pilgrims lived at peace—with one another and the Indians. The sickness had subsided. Most importantly, the Pilgrims were experiencing the daily freedom they had longed for, the freedom to worship God without interference from the government. They had flourished and they were truly blessed.

We have much to be thankful for in our own time. We live in a fruitful land that has never experienced widespread famine or deprivation. We have food to eat and clothes to wear. Our lives are enriched by technology, information and education. And we can gather to worship God as we please—without the fear of losing our jobs, property or lives.

As a community, we will gather to give thanks to God for the bounty in our lives by celebrating together the ultimate act of thanks-giving: the Eucharist (which is Greek for “thanks.”) **Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 28, at 9:00 AM at our St. Mary location.** What a great way to start Thanksgiving Day—get the turkey in the oven and then come to church as a family to give thanks to God! Please also note that the parish offices will be closed on Friday, November 29, and there will be no daily Mass that day.

Charlotte Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
Give thanks with our brothers and sisters in Christ! The Inter-church council will be holding their annual ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 24 at 7:00 pm. This year, Peace Lutheran Church will host the service and it will be followed by coffee and dessert. This event is open to all. If you would like to be a part of the combined choir for the service, please contact Lori Poyer for more information at 541-1996 or lapoyer@msn.com. Come and give thanks with our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Music Opportunities for the Christmas Season
I encourage anyone who loves to sing to get in touch with our parish musicians, Jon Sommer, at St. Mary, and Tina Lewis, at St. Ann, as they begin to prepare music and musicians for Christmas Masses and for the Christmas Season which follows. This is a great time of the year to join as a vocalist, and no long term commitment is expected. If you enjoy participating, then I encourage you to take the next step and make a regular commitment to join our music ministry at either parish location. The same is true for instrumentalists. If you play strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, or keyboard, join in the fun and the joy of helping to lead our parish in giving praise to God through music. Again, Tina and Jon will be more than happy to work with you. Additional instruments will always help to enhance our worship experience.

Planning Ahead
The weeks of November and December have a variety of annual special collections, in addition to the usual collections for Sundays. I hope all of us plan ahead a little bit so that we can support, to whatever extent possible, each of these collections. Don’t forget that the Advent Giving Tree will also be available later in the month of November.

If You Aren’t Feeling Well
We know that cold and flu season is just around the corner. If you come to church and aren’t feeling well, please keep several things in mind. First, you may wish to not join hands with those around you for the Lord’s Prayer or the sign of peace. Hand-to-hand contact is one of the easiest ways for germs and viruses to spread. Second, please encourage everyone in your household to practice good hand washing. Scrubbing your hands with warm water and plenty of soap will help, especially after a visit to the restroom or after touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Finally, this is a good time to remember that the flu vaccine is now readily available and its cost is covered by most insurances.

In Case of a Pastoral Emergency While I am Away
If there is an emergency that requires the assistance of priest while I am away, please call our parish emergency number at 517-667-9384. A parish staff member will assist you. If you need to make funeral arrangements for a funeral at St. Mary or St. Ann, please contact Deacon Tom Fogle for additional assistance.
FAITH FORMATION

FAMILY CHAT AFTER MASS
If needed, you can review the Sunday readings or hear the homily again from myparish app.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Sadducees had approached Jesus, looking to trick him with a question of which man, in the resurrection, will be married to a woman widowed seven times. Jesus does not respond directly to their query. Instead, he says that to God, all are alive—even the dead. Our Catholic funeral liturgy tells us that life is changed, not ended. Though relationships may cease after death, the love that formed them will not. Love never dies, and we are destined to live in that Love—that is, to live in God—forever.

- What do you think heaven is like?
- What will it be like to be with God forever?

Living the Word

In Catholic tradition, November is a time to honor the dead. Set up a prayer table devoted to your beloved dead. Add a candle, flowers, Bible, and photographs or other mementos. Pray that all of your beloved dead might be with God in heaven, and give thanks for the love you still share with them. Invite your children to draw or write about a memory they have about the departed loved one, and talk about why that person was special to them.

Taken from Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2019-2020 by Kara O’Malley, published by LTP

CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS

Last Things: The Particular Judgment

By Rev. William G. Most

Jesus will come at the end of time to judge all human beings. This is called the parousia, His second coming. It was foretold by the angels as He ascended: "This Jesus who is taken up from you to heaven, will come in the way in which you saw Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

However, those who die before the parousia will be judged immediately at their deaths. This is known as the particular judgment. The Epistle to the Hebrews says (9:27): "It is appointed to men to die once, and after that comes the judgment". Then, "Each one will receive his pay, according to his works" (1 Cor 3:8).

There are three possible outcomes to the particular judgment. Those whose love for God has been perfected in this life are taken straight to heaven, where they enjoy endless happiness in the face to face vision of God. Those who die in God's love but still love Him imperfectly must be purified in the intermediate state of purgatory. Those, however, who reject God's love by mortal sin and die without repenting are condemned to the everlasting torments of hell. The general judgment at the end of time simply solemnly confirms the particular judgments of each one, with the difference that then the body as well as the soul will receive what is due it. And all God's judgments will be revealed as most just.

Taken from The Basic Catholic Catechism PART FOUR: The Apostle's Creed VI-VIII Seventh Article: "From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead"
By William G. Most (c)Copyright 1990 by William G. Most
Family Faith Formation

If you have children between the ages of Preschool and 8th grade come join us for Family Formation on Sunday, November 10, after the 9:30 am Mass at St. Ann. We will begin our conversation on the Sacraments of Initiation and focus on Baptism. 2nd graders will continue to learn about First Reconciliation.

A small change in Family Formation. We will discontinue offering Family Formation on Monday evenings of the 2nd week of the month due to the lack of participation. All families will meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at St. Ann after the 9:30 am Mass.

14 High School Youth Attend The Diocesan Youth Conference At Lansing Catholic

This past Sunday, 14 high school youth, attended the Diocesan Youth Conference at Lansing Catholic. The theme was The Father’s Love. They gathered with nearly 500 other High School Youth from around the Diocese to give Glory and Honor to God in adoration, to grow in their faith and to celebrate Mass with Bishop Boyea. Students were filled with the message of the Father’s Love for us, even in our messiest times, our God is merciful and has great plans for us. Thank you for all of your prayers for the kids!

Thank You from our Youth Group

A HUGE thank you to all who supported the Youth Group in our fundraising efforts for our Adopt-a-Family Project. We were able to sell over 60 poinsettia plants, raising $300. Our Bake Sale at St. Ann this past Sunday raised over $100, also for our Adopt-A-Family Project. Our next Bake Sale will be at St. Mary’s following each of the Masses on November 9 and 10.
Meijer SIMPLY GIVE Program to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

November 10, 2019 – January 4, 2020

Once again, St. Vincent de Paul is privileged to be chosen as the beneficiary of Meijer’s 2019 Holiday Simply Give Program from November 10 through January 4. Last January we were blessed to receive $27,350 in Meijer Food-Only Cards resulting from the outstanding participation of the parishioners of St. Mary, St. Ann, the citizens of Charlotte and surrounding communities. The food-only cards were used by our volunteers throughout the year to purchase items such as fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, bread, dairy products, baking supplies, etc. for our clients.

NEW THIS YEAR: TWO days Meijer will DOUBLE MATCH each donation so your $10.00 = $30.00, $50.00 = $150.00, $150 = $450, etc.

DOUBLE MATCH DAYS are December 3 and December 13.

Simply Give envelopes are available at each entrance of the church for your convenience. Place your donation in the envelope, drop it in the offertory basket and a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer will take those contributions to Meijer during DOUBLE MATCH days for redemption. DOUBLE MATCH donations may also be dropped off at the St. Mary office during office hours until Thursday, December 12 at 5:00 pm.

Please make checks out to St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to another highly successful Simply Give Campaign!
St. Mary’s Enhanced Preschool Classroom

In our St. Mary’s Early Learning Center, the Enhanced Preschool classroom currently has 12 children enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year. Each day, we focus on developing social, academic and physical skills through structured play. Our lessons for this month are centered around Thanksgiving and what we are blessed and thankful for. The children are working on crafts to help decorate the Parish Hall for our school Thanksgiving Feast. If you would like more information about the Early Learning Center, please contact Amy Saltzman at 517-543-3460.

Pray For Our Homebound and Sick

Maria Bustamonte  Bruce and Linda Miller
Alice Carr    Lindsay Francis Nakfoor
Virginia Fox    Marissa Newhouse
Fr. Dwight Ezop  Rosalie Schneider
Pete Lothamer    Bob Sinko
Mort McKillop    Lynn Wireman

Parish Prayer List

To add names to the St. Mary and St. Ann prayer list, send an email to prayerlist@stmarycharlotte.org.

All names submitted will be prayed for. However, consent to publish an individual’s name in the bulletin must be obtained by the person submitting the request. If permission to make public has not been obtained, we cannot publish their names. In your email, please let us know if you have obtained the individual’s consent. A person’s privacy will be respected.

Communion to the Homebound

If you, or someone you know, is now or becomes confined to their home or a nursing facility and would like to receive Holy Communion please call the parish office (517-543-4319) to place their name on the sick call list and one of our Ministers to the Homebound will schedule a visit with them.

| Intentions of Pope Francis |

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father’s request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. For the month of November:

For Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East
That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Grant, O Jesus, that your image be formed in me.
That I may live only from you, and in you, and with you, and through you. You the vine, and I the branch. Help me, that all my views and opinions so resemble yours that others as it were, see Christ in me.

For Our Deceased Brothers and Sisters

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him:
Fr. Jim Lothamer
May he rest in peace.

The Catholic Community of St. Mary and St. Ann
**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Readings for the Week of November 10, 2019**

**Sunday:** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14
Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15
2 Thes 2:16-3:5
Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7
Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10
Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23-3:9
Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11
Ps 82:3-4, 6-7
Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b-8:1
Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175
Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab
Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9
Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43
Lk 18:1-8

**Next Sunday:** Mal 3:19-20a
Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9
2 Thes 3:7-12
Lk 21:5-19

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Our Parish Mission Statement

Proclaiming the teachings of Jesus Christ, we, the community of St. Mary and St. Ann provide a positive worship and educational environment for all, emphasizing the core values of our Catholic faith.

NEWS FROM OUR COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS, AND GROUPS

Michigan Heartbeat Coalition Bill

A baby’s heart starts beating 16-18 days after conception and can be detected by an ultrasound at about 6-8 weeks. The Michigan Heartbeat Coalition bill would prohibit abortions once a heartbeat is detected.

The Michigan Senate and the Michigan House of Representatives have agreed to pass this bill. In order to bypass the governor and make it a law without needing the governor’s signature, we need to get peoples signatures.

The heartbeat bill is designed to challenge Roe v. Wade by restricting or ending it. Replacing the word “viability” with “heartbeat” would better define WHEN a baby is protected. The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) has carefully helped write the Michigan Heartbeat Bill to protect Michigan’s old anti-abortion law. So far, nine other states have passed the Heartbeat Law and 15 states are working on introducing it.

Abby Johns, whose story is depicted in the book and movie Unplanned, strongly supports the Michigan Heartbeat Coalition Bill. You can listen to her message as well as get additional information at www.MIHeartbeat.org

Any help gathering signatures is greatly appreciated. If you would like to help or have questions contact Joanie Nelson at 517-775-4790.

Advent Wreath Lighting

We are looking for volunteers to light our parish Advent Wreath at each Mass in December. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Desk near the church’s main entrance.

Community Dinners

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry sponsors six Community Dinners at the Charlotte Eagles Club. Our volunteers staff and cook for 50-100 people who come to have a hot meal at no cost. Would you like to help? Call Kathy Adair (517-712-7208) to volunteer for our upcoming dinner on November 13.

Join us in honoring our Veterans on

**Sunday, November 10,**

at St. Ann after the 9:30 am Mass

And/Or

**Sunday, November 17,**

at St. Mary after the 8:00 am Mass

Cost: Freewill Donation
Be Love Revolution has come to Lansing!

BLR was founded in Ann Arbor in 2013 with the intention of helping young women develop a personal relationship with Jesus and grow into mature disciples. Be Love—Lansing meets in the St. John Paul II room at Resurrection from 6:30-8:30 pm. All girls, 9th grade and up, are invited to come for praise/worship, a talk, small groups, food and fellowship. Upcoming dates are: November 13 (speaker Toni Watters), December 11 (Adoration and speaker Lori Weismantel), January 8 (speaker Liz O’Neill - focus on inner healing). Questions? Contact Mary Gates at mary.gates@lansingcatholic.org

8th Grade Visit Day at LCHS

Lansing Catholic High School will host its annual 8th Grade Visit Day on Friday, November 15, 2019. Students will take a tour of the school, attend mini lessons in various subject areas, learn about student activities and athletics, and meet other 8th graders, current LCHS students, teachers, counselors, administration, and coaches. If you have an 8th grader who does not attend a local Catholic school, but would like to attend this event, please contact Lansing Catholic’s Admissions Coordinator Karen Gavin at karen.gavin@lansingcatholic.org or 517-267-2102 to register your student for this event.

Recovering Origins: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

Recovering Origins is a three day retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, Michigan that invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents’ divorce or separation to their deepest origin and identity as God’s beloved capable of great love. The retreat begins on November 22 at 7:00 pm and ends on November 24 at 3:00 pm. To register and for more information please visit www.dioceseoflansing.org/event/recovering-origins.
EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

Intern Opportunity
The Diocese of Lansing is looking for an enthusiastic Catholic committed to the evangelization mission of the Catholic Church to serve as a part time Communications Intern. The position will report to the Director of Communications and will work 15-19 hours per week. The position promotes and reports upon Catholic events and initiatives happening throughout our diocese in a way that uses multimedia on various platforms. To learn more about the position and apply, please visit our website at www.dioceseoflansing.org/employment

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
On Sunday, Nov. 24th at 7:00 pm we will celebrate a many years' tradition of joining our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ for an ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. This year it will be held at Peace Lutheran Church at 830 N Cochran. As in the past we are encouraged to have anyone interested in singing in a combined choir to join in once again. We will be singing two anthems this year. Typically, the only practice needed is one hour prior to the service at 6:00 pm at Peace. If you feel you would like the opportunity for another practice we are welcome to join them the Thursday before at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in joining in or would like to get the music, please contact Lori Poyer at 517-541-1996.

If you have never had the opportunity to sing with a larger group, I would encourage you to experience it. When St. Mary hosted it a few years back we had more than fifty people from several churches in the choir and it was a very uplifting and spirit-filled experience.

A dessert reception and a chance to mingle will follow the service at Peace. If you have questions, please call Lori at the above number.

Catholic Women’s Club
All women of the Lansing Diocese are invited to come to Lansing Catholic Women's Club monthly Luncheon on Thursday, November 21 at Delhi Cafe at 4825 Willoughby Holt MI from 12:30 -3:00. Our charity that we will be sponsoring is Hannah House. If you have any questions or want to make a reservation call Judy Sibal at 517-449-5365 by Nov. 15.

The club is women joining together to foster friendship, spiritual enrichment and to provide assistance to those less fortunate regardless of faith.

Divine Mercy, A Way of Life
We have the honor of Dr. Bryan Thatcher, director of Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy, speaking at St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall, Lansing, on Saturday, November 23 from noon to 2 pm.

His talk will cover Forgiveness; Trust in God; Eucharist and the Gift of Life. God Loves us all! There is no charge, however, we would like a head count to accommodate everyone.

Please contact Diane Arzberger at 517-402-1562 or dcarzberger@yahoo.com. Thank You!

The Catholic Community of St. Mary and St. Ann