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LENT

St. Gerard Church
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Lansing, MI 48917
(517) 323-2379
www.stgerard.org
Dear Parishioners,

**DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY**
I am pleased at how many parishioners have already taken the Disciple Maker Index Survey. The survey helps you reflect on your own spiritual growth and discipleship and identifies ways you believe the parish supports that growth. The survey will also communicate issues and concerns important to parishioners and helps us develop goals and action plans to help us promote further growth.

Today, March 1, is the last day you can take the survey online at www.disciplemakerindex.com or on paper. After all the Masses this weekend, we will have paper copies of the survey for you to fill out. It takes only 10-15 minutes.

Your feedback is valued by me and all parish leaders. It took me only 13 minutes to do the survey. Can you give us 10-15 minutes? Please do!!!

Have a blessed week,
Fr. John P. Klein
Pastor

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT**
Tuesday, March 3 - 6:00-6:45 pm (during Adoration)
Saturday, March 7 - 9:00-10:00 am
Saturday, March 14 - 9:00-10:00 am
Tuesday, March 17 - 6:00-6:45 pm (during Adoration)
Saturday, March 21 - 9:00-10:00 am
Sunday, March 22 - 2:00 pm (Communal Service)
Saturday, March 28 - 9:00-10:00 am
Saturday, April 4 - 9:00-11:00 am
Tuesday, April 7 - 4:00-6:00 pm
Wednesday, April 8 - 9:00-11:00 am

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**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE**
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:45 - 6:30 pm

Friday, March 6, 2020
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 17, 2020
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:45 - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 24, 2020
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Praise and Worship Music

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**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE DURING LENT**
**Monday - Thursday**
6:30 am

**Friday**
6:30 am
8:10 am
12:05 pm

**Saturday**
8:10 am

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**
Friday, March 6 - 11:15 am
Friday, March 13 - 12:45 pm
Friday, March 20 - 12:45 pm
Friday, March 27 - 12:45 pm
Friday, April 3 - 12:45 pm
Good Friday, April 10 - 2:15 pm
Please join us on Wednesday evenings this Lenten season for our Dinner Speaker Series. We will have three wonderful speakers reflecting on Four signs of a Dynamic Catholic. This will not be a reflection on the book but a reflection on the four signs named in the book by Matthew Kelly:

Prayer, Study, Service/Generosity, and Evangelization.

We will begin the Wednesday following Ash Wednesday, offering sessions with dinner, during the weeks in March.

Soup, salad and rolls will be served each evening at 6:00 PM. As we conclude our fellowship, a speaker will speak as listed below.

Our dates and speakers are:
- March 4, Fr. John Klein, Prayer
- March 11, Jan Haselschwerdt, Study
- March 18, Pat Rinker, Generosity/Service
- March 25, Pat Rinker, Evangelization

The 40 Days for Life campaign has begun, running from February 26 through April 5. There are 507 cities around the world now participating in this campaign, an increase of 130 cities in just one year. St. Gerard has committed to stand and peacefully pray during this 40-day vigil on Wednesdays. It’s not too late to sign up and join those who have committed to stand up for the unborn. Your prayers are valuable and needed. To sign up or for more information, visit 40daysforlife.com/lansing or call Jenny Nicholson at 517-321-1597.

Shadow stations is an opportunity to experience the Stations of the Cross in a unique and powerful way. As a student reads aloud the Stations of the Cross, other students will pose in front of a spotlight behind a large sheet according to the station being read.

Come watch, listen and reflect on the Stations of the Cross.

Today is about Jesus and his temptations in the desert. What are the temptations we face in our lives? Do we fall into traps like “No one works as hard as I do” or “No one appreciates all the hours I put into my job”? Do we allow the focus to become on our voice, fingers, and talent rather than putting the focus on the graces God has given us? Do we become frustrated because the cashier isn’t moving the line along fast enough? Do we bully other children at school? Do we murmur about coworkers? Take some time to do a daily examen and look at your temptations and weaknesses. Ask God to help you grow beyond them.

Lenten Dinner Speaker Series
Wednesday Evenings in the Parish Hall
March 4 – March 25 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

First Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2020
On March 1st at 3:00 pm, nearly 30 parishes from near and far in the Diocese of Lansing will gather at St. Martha Parish in Okemos with the Bishop to celebrate the Rite of Election (with our catechumens) and Call to Continuing Conversion (with our candidates). During this ceremony, those godparents, sponsors, catechists, pastors and friends who have been walking with the RCIA participants from all over the Diocese will testify before the Bishop that God has chosen these people to be one with us in the Catholic Church this Easter Season. After hearing this testimony, the Bishop will then declare his assent that they indeed have been chosen to receive the Catholic Sacraments. He signifies this by signing the Book of Elect, which they placed their names in earlier that day. This Rite occurs the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent in Catholic Parishes all over the world. Please pray for all of our Catholics-to-be as they continue their journey.

 MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Friday, March 6th at 12:05 PM

The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered during the 12:05 pm Mass on Friday, March 6th. Those who are anticipating surgery, those suffering from physical, emotional or mental sickness, and those experiencing weakness associated with chronic illness or advanced age are encouraged to come and be anointed.

Adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament will be from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. Jesus exposed in the Monstrance should never be left alone, therefore, we would like people willing to commit to a specific Adoration time to call the Parish Office at 323-2379.

A light luncheon for seniors will be provided in the Parish Hall following the Mass. A donation would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 323-2379.

Volunteers for the Mass of Anointing
Seven Commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to serve during the Mass of Anointing. Greeters and Gift bearers will also be needed. These positions are assigned ahead of time. You may offer your assistance by calling the Parish Office, 323-2379.

Bible Study
Matthew 26-28
Jesus’ Life-Giving Death

Please join our Thursday evening Bible Study beginning March 5th for this wonderful experience of faith sharing and reflecting on the sacred scriptures. Matthew 26-28: Jesus’ Life-Giving Death offers a close look at the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in Matthew’s Gospel.

For busy adults who want to study the Bible but don’t know where to begin, Six Weeks with the Bible provides an inviting starting point. Each guide is divided into six concise, 90-minute segments that introduce one book of the Bible. All biblical text is printed in the guides, which means no additional study aids are required.

Sessions will begin at 7:00 PM each Thursday, in the Parish Library.

RCIA Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE
MARCH 7 - MARCH 8

4:30 P.M.
SERVERS _ USHER #4
1. Michael Haan
2. Luke LaCross
3. Jackson Myott
READER: Kathy Partlow
MASS COORDINATOR: Kramer

6:30 P.M.
SERVERS _ USHER #6
1. Malia Reitz
2. John McKellar
READER: Kate Reitz
MASS COORDINATOR: Reedy

7:30 A.M.
SERVERS _ USHER #11
1. Jacob Bertrand
2. Matthew Bertrand
READER: Steve Toomey
MASS COORDINATOR: Fedewa

9:00 A.M.
SERVERS _ USHER #7
1. Kaelyn Wohlfert
2. Frances Melinn
3. Adam Killingsworth
READER: Jay Corey
MASS COORDINATOR: Burley
CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Linda Smith

11:00 A.M.
SERVERS _ USHER #8
1. Elizabeth Miller
2. Sarah Miller
3. Tina Thieu
READER:
MASS COORDINATOR: Flynn
CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Linda Marquardt

6:00 P.M.
SERVERS _ USHER #9
1. Claire Fletcher
2. Bob Fletcher
3. Emerson John
READER: Ken Fletcher
MASS COORDINATOR: Maiville

BLOOD DRIVE
ST. GERARD PARISH HALL
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020
8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Appointments are now being taken at: 1-800-REDCROSS and www.redcrossblood.org.

The Red Cross is scheduling as many drives as possible to meet the current needs and allocating nurses based on expected number of donors.

Walk-ins are always welcome; an appointment will expedite the process for both you and the Red Cross team.

Thank you!
**ST. GERARD SCHOOL NEWS**

St. Gerard School registration for the 2020-2021 school year will soon be underway. Smart Tuition will automatically re-enroll current families. Please look for the registration packet that went home with your child.

If you are a new family interested in kindergarten through grade eight, please call the school at 321-6126 to make an appointment to tour our school with the administration of St. Gerard School. Parents enrolling a new student will need birth and baptismal certificates, date of First Eucharist and Reconciliation.

**Please note age requirements:**
Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1 to enroll in kindergarten program.

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**ST. GERARD PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

New Family Registration for next school year will be Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the school library. This is also an opportunity to learn about St. Gerard Preschool and visit the classrooms. Childcare information will also be available. Parents enrolling a preschool student should bring a copy of the child’s birth certificate.

Visit stgerardpreschool.org for more information about Preschool.

**Please note age requirements:**
Students must be 3 years old on or before September 1, 2020 to enroll in the 3 year old preschool program.
Students must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2020 to enroll in the 4 year old preschool program.

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**PRINCIPAL**

**ST. GERARD SCHOOL - LANSING, MICHIGAN**

The Principal is an actively practicing Roman Catholic and is a Disciple of Jesus Christ. The qualified candidate will assume leadership of a well-respected school with a student body of 500 which has established programs including preschool, year round childcare and a reputation for academic excellence. The position supervises a faculty and staff consisting of 32 faculty, teaching assistants and administrative support.

The candidate must display a strong background in elementary education, confidence and sensitivity in leading faculty, insight into current curriculum and technologies, and knowledge of elementary-level pedagogical issues. Proven ability to work effectively with parents and on an administrative team is a necessity. Send current resume and supporting documents to: Director of Operations, St. Gerard Parish, 4437 W. Willow Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917. bpdroste@stgerard.org. Application deadline is March 2, 2020.

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**BURGER NIGHT AND EUCHRE**

The Knights of Columbus Council 788 are hosting a “Burger Night” every Monday night from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Columbus Hall, 5300 N. Grand River. The cost is $6 for a burger basket and the event is open to the public.

Additionally, on these same nights, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, they are hosting “Euchre Night”. The cost is $5 per person and all are welcome to participate!

For more information contact us at (517) 321-2209 or at www.788.councilnet.us
We thank you for your support!
9TH - 12TH GRADE

March  (8th Graders Welcome at all March events)
Sunday, March 1
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  Youth Night

Sunday, March 8
6:00 pm  Youth Mass
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  Open Gym/Game Night

Sunday, March 15
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  Youth Night

Sunday, March 22
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  Passion Play Practice

Sunday, March 29 - Friday, April 3
Spring Break Mission Trip to Jackson

MIDDLE SCHOOL

March
Wednesday, March 4  (Grades 6-8)
6:00-8:00 pm  Service Project

Friday, March 13  (Grades 6-8)
6:00-8:00 pm  Nerf War

Wednesday, March 25  (Grades 7-8)
6:00-8:00 pm  Middle School Youth Night

April
Wednesday, April 15  (Grades 7-8)
6:00-8:00 pm  Middle School Youth Night

SPRING RETREAT
APRIL 25TH - 26TH
BETHANY HOUSE
DEWITT, MI

Participants meet at Bethany House
at 9:00 am
on Saturday, April 25th.
Pick up at 5:00 pm at Bethany House on
Sunday, April 26th.
Cost $50.00
Questions: Contact Jeff Corder
at 323-2379
or at youth@stgerard.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!
SPRING MISSION 2020!

DESTINATION: JACKSON, MI
DATES: MARCH 29 – APRIL 3, 2020
We will be working with the local volunteers and staff of the Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity.
We will be staying at Camp de Sales.
Cost is only $100 for the week! This includes housing and all meals! Bring with you money for snacks or other items, but all meals are covered in your fee.
We will attend 11:00 am Mass together and leave after Mass.
Deadline to SIGN UP IS March 8, 2020!
Turn in all forms/money to the Youth Ministry Office!
Scholarship Money is available!
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Group A: Tuesday, March 10th and 24th from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm in the Parish Center, Room 135

Group B: Tuesday, March 10th and 24th from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center, Conference Room

Anyone interested in joining our group or just learning a little more about our ministry is welcome to join us at any time. Experience is not required.

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASSES

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
PARISH CENTER YOUTH ROOM

PRAYER IS POWERFUL!

Each Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, our prayer group meets in the chapel to unite our prayers for the many needs of our world today.

Join us whenever you can!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FISH FRY

Every Friday during the Lenten season, February 28th through April 10th, Council 788 will be offering a great, all you can eat fish dinner from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Columbus Hall, 5300 N. Grand River Ave. The cost is $11, ($10 from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm) for adults; $5 for children ages 5-12; children under age 5 eat free.

The dinner consists of: baked and fried pollock, fried smelt, baked potato, french fries, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, and rolls. Beverages are available for purchase (coffee provided). Cheese pizza available by the slice, for the children, at no extra cost!

The Ladies Auxiliary will offer a variety of desserts for purchase.

This event will include a weekly, progressive, “Queen of Hearts Raffle” (License #C29512) presented by the Queen of Hearts Committee. Proceeds from this raffle benefit the St. Gerard School Computer Fund.

Takeout orders are available by calling the hall at (517) 321 2209.

Richard Council #788 thanks you for your support!

www.788.councilnet.us

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY MAKERS

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Makers will be meeting on March 5, 2020 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Conference Room. We meet once a month to pray and to make new friendships and rosaries. The rosaries made go out to all parts of the world through St. Paul Evangelist in Detroit. New members are welcome and no experience is necessary.

GREETERS COME IN ALL SIZES!

Interested in making a difference in how our guests and parishioners feel when they walk into St. Gerard? It’s easy – and the reward is knowing that your smile makes a difference! Join the team.

Contact Cindy at (517) 323-3139; get a form from the parish office; or download a form from the church website.

The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.
Matthew 4:10
Health & Wellness

What is the coronavirus? There are many coronaviruses that include the common cold and upper respiratory infections. The coronavirus that is being talked about so widely today is the COVID-19 or Coronavirus disease 19. This virus has not been previously seen in humans. It is suspected that this COVID-19 originated in animals and spread to humans. The original outbreak in Wuhan, China, has been linked to a large seafood and live animal market. Later, it spread from person-to-person.

The virus is spreading via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It may be possible to pick up the virus from touching a surface that has been contaminated. It appears the main way the virus spreads is from close contact (within 6 feet) of an infected person. It is spreading rapidly in China, but not so rapidly in the US.

Symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath. The CDC believes symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure. To prevent infection, AS IN ANY RESPIRATORY DISEASE:

- avoid close contact with a sick person
- avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- stay home when you are sick
- cover your cough or sneeze, dispose of infected tissues
- clean disinfect surfaces and frequently touched objects often
- use a facemask if you have COVID-19
- WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN WITH SOAP AND WATER for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content.

The risk of getting COVID-19 in the US is extremely low. People who have returned from China within the last 14 days that have any symptoms should seek medical advice and follow all of the above precautions. More than likely, the person will be quarantined if exhibiting any symptoms. The quarantine lasts a minimum of 14 days. If the illness does not develop, the person is released from quarantine, and are not at any greater risk of spreading the disease as anyone else.

As of February 22, 2020, Michigan Public Health Departments have been monitoring 325 people because they have returned from mainland China or have been on a cruise ship with a confirmed COVID-19 case. None of these people have been sent to a quarantine facility because they have not exhibited any symptoms of the disease. They have been asked to practice home quarantine as much as possible. Local public health officials are monitoring them daily for 14 days to check for any symptoms. Five people have been tested and all were negative for COVID-19.

Currently there have been 15 confirmed cases in the US with no deaths. cdc.gov/coronavirus Michigan Dept of Health and Human Services press release February 22, 2020

If you have any ideas for this column, please email me at jandenby55@gmail.com

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Lansing Catholic High School is now accepting applications for next school year. More information is available on LCHS’s website: www.lansingcatholic.org. If you have questions about admissions at Lansing Catholic High School, please contact the admissions office at 517-267-2102 or admissions@lansingcatholic.org.

SHADOW STUDENTS

Is your student thinking about attending Lansing Catholic High School? Middle school or potential transfer students interested in finding out what it’s like to be a Lansing Catholic High School student are welcome to shadow a current LCHS student for a school day. Contact LCHS’s admissions office at 517-267-2102 or admissions@lansingcatholic.org to arrange a student shadow day.

TUITION ASSISTANCE AT LCHS NIGHTS

All families who would like to be considered for the maximum amount of tuition assistance at Lansing Catholic High School for next school year must apply through FACTS by March 1 each school year. The link to FACTS can be found on LCHS’s website: https://lansingcatholic.org/admissions/financial-assistance

Families who have financial assistance questions should contact the LCHS tuition office at 517-267-2107 or tuition@lansingcatholic.org.

HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Host families are needed for international students who will attend Lansing Catholic High School next school year. Families who host international students are also provided with a monthly stipend. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Lorrie Schartow at lschartow@flag-intl.org or 517-303-9671.
**IN MEMORIAM**

May the angels welcome you to paradise.  
May the martyrs greet you on your way.  
May you see the face of the Lord this day.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please pray for  
Dr. Rowland Hines  
Ellen Walworth  
who passed away.  

Our sincere sympathy to their families.  
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Mary Appelgreen  
Judi Assiff  
Joe Bengel  
Ginger Book  
Lou Boyer  
Jamie Bray  
Shirley Breen  
Frank Burke  
Jesse Castillo  
Peg Cavanaugh  
Bridget Chandler  
Anthony Cicinelli  
Jodi Coomer  
Lorraine Cossette  
Tom Costigan  
Alberta Cuff  
Pauline D’Alessandro  
Nick D’Anna  
Diana Dittmer  
Rachel Doyle  
Barbara Edmonds  
Judy Eliott  
Roxanne Ende  
Nan Farhat  
Penny Farhat  
Philipp Farhat  
Sister Joanne  
Fedewa  
Terry Feltman  
Donald Ferris  
Bob Fox  
Colleen Francis  
Lee Frechen  
Casey Gaffner  
Elva Garza  
Terry Gordon  
Beverly Granger  
Joseph Granger  
Jean Granger-Bullion  
Amy Hardy  
Amy Jo Hauser  
Helen Hayes  
Jackie Helgen  
Linus Hengesbach  
Margaret Herrera  
Wanda Hicks  
Todd Hines  
Mike Hodge  
Gary Hodge  
Joann Hryniewiecky  
Cathy Hudson  
Judy Hudson  
Kathy Hudson  

Clement Hufnagel  
Lisa Hughes  
Tommy Janes  
Kathleen KacMarsky  
Ann Killian  
Janette Kramer  
Jerry Kramer  
Phyllis Lambert  
Lorraine Lee  
Robert Lee  
Shane LeFere  
Deanna Lorenz  
Ruth Malhalab  
Ann Manning  
Mary Mapes  
Chris Marciniak  
Sue Marks  
Ronald Middaugh  
David Miller  
Richard Miller  
Susan Mitchell  
Rick Morley  
Jennifer Muench-Hamel  
Edward Moses-Granger  
Bill Murphy  
Al Niblock  
Dwayne Nickelson  
Ralph Ocker  
Janice O’Donnell  
Kira O’Donnell  
Dan Olivett  
Mary O’Malley  
Pat Patterson  
Janice Payne  
Amanda Peeper  
Ben Peters  
Ed Petersen  
Tama Phelps  
Ray Reynolds  
Serena Sabuda  
Mike Schmitz  
Gene Schneider  
Mary Ann Schuchaskie  
Dave Sessions  
Ruby Shier  
Kay Simon  
Carol Skinner  
Matt Smith  
Pat Geer Smith  
Ann Sohmer  
Theresa Sprig  

Ronald Spenski  
Claire Marie  
Stafford  
Patricia Stevens  
Roscie Stine  
Charles Stickney  
Kathy & Edward  
Stoffer  
Joann Stotenburg-Schofield  
Karly Szostak  
Delores Tabor  
Jerry Techentin  
Alice Techentin  
Richard Thompson  
Norman Troshak  
Jim Turner  
Kathy VanZwol  
Jean Walworth  
Thomas Wegener  
Chelsea Wheeler  
Charles White  
Pat Wood  
Ryan Yaran  
Will Yates

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Remember in your prayers our Troops serving overseas. Especially those from our Parish Community

Bradley Benjamin  
Chuck Cogger  
Daniel Cochrane  
Joshua Daly  
Daniel deLaFe’  
Zane Froehlich  
De’ Andre Gatson  
Brandon Granger  
Kyle Holmes  
David Huber  
Stephanie Hume  
Michael Johnson  
Jordan Langdon  
Jonathan Otten  
Andrew Parmelee  
Nick Pierce  
Daniel Taliaferro  
Dillon Techentin  
Ryan Wallace  
McKenzie West  
Matt Willis  
Mary Ellen Wright  
Jason Zylstra

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**Masses for the Week**

**Monday, March 2**
- 6:30 am Bonnie Hayhoe - Jeanne Diroff
- 8:10 am Barb Steadman - Jack & Marilyn Fox

**Tuesday, March 3**
- 6:30 am Paul Droste - Bernadette Droste
- 8:10 am Frank Brandell - Ron Wieferich

**Wednesday, March 4**
- 6:30 am Harley Miller - Family
- 8:10 am Deceased Members of the Schulte & Simon Families - Family

**Thursday, March 5**
- 6:30 am Richard Powers - Family
- 8:10 am Scott Coppens - Judi & Pete Gregory

**Friday, March 6**
- 6:30 am Gaetano Maceroni - Family
- 8:10 am Charles Cyberski - Family
- 12:05 pm Paul, Greg and Aneice Doherr - Marcia Doherr

**Saturday, March 7**
- 8:10 am Nancy DeYoung - Bill Stickler
- 4:30 pm Anthony Phillipich - Carolyn Heinrich
- 6:30 pm Joseph Siska - Family

**Sunday, March 8**
- 7:30 am Don Eilers - Mary Peacock
- 9:00 am Parish Family
- 11:00 am Aidas Kriauciunas - Parents
- 6:00 pm Ralph Brundige - Bruce & Mary Brandimore

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**Vincentian Reflection**

Lent is a call to “give alms for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they often call Saint Gerard’s. They are, in effect, calling you.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor. (517) 853-8132.

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**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, March 2**
- Lenten Weekday
  - Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
  - Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday, March 3**
- Lenten Weekday
  - Isaiah 55:10-11
  - Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday, March 4**
- Lenten Weekday
  - Jonah 3:1-10
  - Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday, March 5**
- Lenten Weekday
  - Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
  - Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday, March 6**
- Lenten Weekday
  - Ezekiel 18:21-28
  - Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday, March 7**
- Lenten Weekday
  - Deuteronomy 26:16-19
  - Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday, March 8**
- Second Sunday of Lent
  - Genesis 12:1-4a
  - 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
  - Matthew 17:1-9

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**Prayers for Our Country**

In these troubling times we need to turn to the Lord more than ever to ask Him to bless, protect and restore our country and cause a spirit of repentance and renewal to sweep across our land. **Please join us Thursdays from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m.** in the church to pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy for our country. Prayer is powerful and effective. It is one of the most important things we can do.
Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 17-19, 2020. Take a chance and get involved... you won’t regret it! Cost is $185 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

**Tuition Assistance**
Diocese of Lansing tuition assistance is available for the 2020/2021 school year:

- **The Diocese of Lansing Grant**
  Grades K-8, $750.00 per student
  Grades 9-12, $1,000.00 per student

- **The Venerable Augustus Tolton Scholarship**
  Grades K-12, $500.00 per student

In addition to the grant criteria for all grants, student must be African-American or Black and show a need of at least $500.00

Grant Criteria eligibility for all grants:
- Family must complete a FACTS financial aid application online on, or before, March 1, 2020.
- Student must show a financial need of at least $750.00
- The student must be Catholic, attend a Diocese of Lansing school, and belong to a parish in the Diocese of Lansing.

For more information on the grants, and how to apply go to dolcatholicschools.org

Scholarship ads can be viewed here:
- https://drop.faithcatholic.com/index.php/s/4QUiYTcStHn7r9r
- https://drop.faithcatholic.com/index.php/s/5XLLpOhWoYpOqAr

**Job Openings**
The Diocese of Lansing Finance Department is accepting applications for two open positions: Accounting Specialist and Parish Auditor. To learn more about these positions and to apply, please visit our website at www.dioceseoflansing/employment.

**Mid-life Singles (Mid-30s to 50s)**
Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 17-19, 2020. Take a chance and get involved... you won’t regret it! Cost is $185 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

**March I.D. 9:16 Disciples’ Night for Young Adults**
All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us for a monthly gathering Thursday, March 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral (219 Seymour Ave, Lansing, MI 48933). Join us for Mass in the basement (accessible on the south side of Cathedral, look for the Crypt entrance), followed by dinner and a talk given by Dr. Kristin Collier on “Pro-Life Feminism.”

What is i.d. 9:16? We are a Catholic community of young adults -- single, married or in any vocation -- seeking to be formed as intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. Children are welcome and childcare can be provided.

To find out more about our group, or to RSVP please visit our Facebook group “i.d. 916 Lansing” and RSVP on the event there, or email us at id916lansing@gmail.com.
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MISSION STATEMENT
Led by the Word and centered on the Eucharist, we are a community of hope, called to proclaim our faith, inspire God’s people, and serve the needs of others in all we do.

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Office Hours
Monday through Friday .. 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday ............................. 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Mass Schedule

Weekdays
Monday through Friday ........................................ 6:30 am & 8:10 am
Saturday ................................................................ 8:10 am

Weekends
Saturday Vigil ......................................................... 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Sunday ................................................................. 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation
Saturday ............................................................... 9:00 - 10:00 am
Also by appointment

Baptism
Call the office for baptism workshop information. Baptism preparation is necessary for parents and can be done at any time prior to the birth of the child. Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

Marriage
Contact a parish priest or deacon at least nine months in advance. jcorder@stgerard.org

Visitation of the Sick
Call the parish office when someone is ill at home, in the hospital or at another care facility.

New Parishioners
Welcome to our parish community. Please call a pastoral associate to schedule an appointment to register.

Important Phone Numbers

School Office .......................................................... 321-6126
Religious Education ............................................... 321-4179
Childcare ............................................................... 853-0744
Knights of Columbus, GK Corey Livingston ........... (810)334-5451