



ST. JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—MAKE DISCIPLES

~CELEBRATING 75 YEARS—1942-2017~

October 8, 2017 The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. James Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic faith community of St. James, freely choose to respond to God the Father's unconditional love by centering our lives in Christ through prayer and the Sacraments; welcoming and sharing our love with all people by being missionary disciples of Jesus and open always to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our Vision:

Love God—Love People—
Make Disciples



27th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:
*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone...?"*
- Mt 21:42ab

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This Week at St. James

Saturday, October 7th
 3:00 P.M. Reconciliation
 4:00 P.M. †Marilyn Brown—*Knights Angels*
 5:15 P.M. ROCK (grades 9-12)—*Youth Room*

Sunday October 8th
 8:30 A.M. †Phyllis Berrera—*Sts. C&C*
 8:30 A.M. †Margo Cascarelli—*Knights*
 9:40 A.M. Faith Formation Classes
 11:00 A.M. People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian

Monday, October 9th NO SERVICES
 11:00 A.M. Faith Study Group—*Conference Room*
 6:30 P.M. Women's Club Meeting—*Keating Hall*

Tuesday, October 10th
 12:10 P.M. Mass preceded by Rosary
 4-5:45 or 6-7:45 P.M. Encounter (grades 6-8)—*Youth Room*

Wednesday, October 11th
 12:10 P.M. Mass preceded by Rosary

Thursday, October 12th
 9:00 A.M. Mass followed by Rosary
 7:00 P.M. RCIA Starts—*Youth Room*

Friday, October 13th
 9:00 A.M. Mass followed by Rosary

Saturday, October 14th
 3:00 P.M. Reconciliation
 4:00 P.M. People/Those buried at St. Joseph Cemetery—*Employees*
 5:15 P.M. ROCK (grades 9-12)—*Youth Room*

Sunday October 15th
 8:30 A.M. Living & deceased Jack/Anne Bremiller families—*Sts. C&C*
 8:30 A.M. †Richard Vincent—*Vincent Family*
 9:40 A.M. Faith Formation Classes
 11:00 A.M. †Albert Turkovich, Sr.—*Knights of Columbus*

Ministry Schedule For Next Week



Saturday, October 14th 4:00 P.M.
Lector: Dan Bishop, NEED ONE!
Commentator: NEED ONE!
EM: Karen Ceccanese, Frank March, Chuck Dadswell
Altar Server: NEED TWO!
Ushers: Sandy DeView, Marilee Soltis, Pat Morrison, Irene Morrison
Music Tech: Colin Cooper

Sunday, October 15th 8:30 A.M.
Lector: Emma Barnum, Sue Ravidoux
Commentator: Kale Taylor
EM: Dcn. Al Turkovich, Tammy Dionise, Ron Iwaszkiewicz, Ted Burch, NEED THREE!
Altar Server: William Barnum, Amelia Barnum, Sophia Barnum
Ushers: Dave Knauf, Tim Zielinski, Jay Jensen, Thomas Dick, Paul Schnipke, Jerry Baldwin
Liturgy of the Word: Deb LaFleur
Music Tech: Brendan Mumby

Sunday, October 15th 11:00 A.M.
Lector: Michael Clark, Jim Marshall
Commentator: Brenda Messing
EM: Fran Clark, Sue Powers, Terri Miller
Altar Server: Emma Murphy, NEED ONE!
Ushers: John Simpson, Lynda Simpson, Ryan Skaggs, Regina Skaggs
Music Tech: Sean Hohn



Parish Directory

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00-4:00 Fridays 8:00-Noon

New Parishioners please register with the office or at www.stjamesmason.org

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8TH

Sunday 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Monday Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6; 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14



~Saying that there are too many children is like saying there are too many flowers.

—Mother Teresa

DISCOVERY SMALL GROUPS

SAVE THE DATE!! Amber Zolc for CCO Faith Study Series will be coming from Vancouver Canada to teach small group leaders for our new program **Discovery!** All are welcome!

- ◆ Thursday, October 19th 7-9 pm
- ◆ Friday, October 20th 7-9 pm
- ◆ Saturday, October 21st 10 am-1 pm
- ◆ Sunday, October 22nd 9:45-10:45 am (between masses)

DISCOVERY



Sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/XfHBiPf> or email stjamesheather1@gmail.com. While attending all four sessions is ideal, we realize you are busy, so come to as many as you can!

SPECIAL ROSARY

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, Portugal, the Rosary will be said after the 9:00 Mass on Thursday, October 12th. The intention is for our country.

PIE TIME!



It's Apple Pie time again! Please order your pies in the gathering space after Masses this weekend. They will be made on October 14th. You may also sign up to help make pies.

7TH ANNUAL "COATS FOR KIDS"



St. James will again host "Coats For Kids" on Saturday, October 28th. It's the time of year to clean out your coat closet. We will be collecting clean, gently used coats with working zippers.

During the week of October 24th—October 27th please bring the coats you are donating in a plastic bag to Cave Hall. Also, we are accepting gloves, scarves, and hats. We often have extra items like sweat shirts donated. We give all of these away on the 28th.

All Mason Elementary schools and the middle school will have a drop boxes for coats. It is important to get the word out to families in need of coats. If you know a family that can use the help of a coat and various other items please let them know about the "Coats for Kids". Any questions, please contact Sally Peacock at 517-244-0346.

ATTENTION WOMEN!

Please join the St. James Women's Club Monday October 9th at 6:30 pm in Cave Hall! We will be decorating pumpkins! This is a great way to socialize, have some fun and get to know others from your faith community!



T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

75th Anniversary Commemorative t-shirts, sweatshirts and jackets with the St. James logo will be available to order in the gathering space. Stop by and take a look! Questions? Call the office!

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Mason Food Bank needs hamburger helper and hearty soup .



FALL MARKET DAY?

If you are interested in participating in Fall Market Day, the weekend of November 11th & 12th please contact Alison at Stjamesalison2@gmail.com or 676-9111.

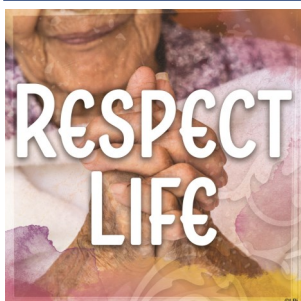


Please Pray for Our Sick:

10/2 Aydin Weyer, Frank March
 9/25 Kari Olney, Maxine Hoffman, Dixie Gilhouse
 9/11 Jeanne Lock 9/5 Jim Drockton, Don & Hazel Lienhart.

NOTE: Names will remain on this list for just four weeks. Please contact the office if you wish to renew a person's name.

A portion of our 4% Christian Service Tithe has been sent to:
 ~Mason Food Bank~



Thank you
 Our
 Sponsor of
 the Week
 McDonald's
 Mason &
 Holt~

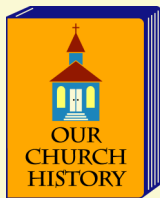


Last Week's Collections

October 1st **\$10,480.45**
 (143 envelopes, 42 EFT from 646 households)
This date last year \$9,721.00

Fiscal Year to date (since July 1st)

This Year **\$114,030.23**
 Last Year \$110,394.67

ST. JAMES 75TH ANNIVERSARY—DECEMBER 25, 2017

2012-The St. James Women's Club and the Mason Knights of Columbus #9182 purchased a new Benediction Robe for Fr. Kusi in February. A training session conducted by Fr. Kusi and Deacon Tom Feiten for various St. James Ministries was held on March 10th introducing new formats and requirements for all Ministries during Mass. The Frontals with kneelers were installed in March completing the 2011 Church Renovation Project. Our Holy Oils, in new Holy Oil vessels, were presented at the Good Friday Service. The new vessels were donated by Vince Guarnaccia in memory of Ginny Guarnaccia, by Bonnie Gurzenda in memory of Walt Gurzenda and by Jim and Margaret Marshall in memory of James Marshall. Altar bells were reintroduced at St. James on Easter Sunday and they were donated by Charles and Pat Dadswell in memory of all the Dadswell family members. On April 13th the Mason Knights of Columbus #9182 hosted a Benefit Fish Fry for the St. Vincent de Paul Store that was destroyed by fire on December 18, 2011. The benefit raised \$6,000 and a check presentation was made to St. Vincent DePaul Store on May 1st. Maintenance person David Schepis resigned his position at St. James. Gordon Terwilliger and Mike Hill will share maintenance responsibilities. Janet Mendez was elected Chairperson of the Pastoral Council. On June 14th St. James hosted the Lansing Area Catholic Council on Aging with a meeting, Mass, Luncheon and Fiji presentation by Fr. Kusi. At that program Earl Hagen, of Holy Family Parish in Grand Blanc, presented Fr. Kusi and St. James Parish with a Pope Chart that is now hanging in the gathering space. Msgr. Fr. Raymond Goehring (76-80) was our guest Priest the weekend of July 14th/15th and spoke on Mission Sunday in support of our Brothers and Sisters in New Guinea. He said St. James has sure changed a lot since 1980. Happy 75th Anniversary to the Diocese of Lansing. Fr. Joe (losevo RatuvereseGANirawa) Rector of the Cathedral in Suva, Fiji and longtime St. Johns College (1973) good friend of Fr. Kusi made an extended visit to St. James and surrounding Parishes. He is from Bua Province, second largest in Fiji and Fr. Kusi is from Taveuni Province (Garden Island), the third largest. The St. James Community Festival was held August 10th-12th with Masses, music, Food booths, beer tent & grille, Play land, book sale, Karaoke, Live and silent auctions, Hot Air Balloon launch & illumine and our Camino of St. James 8K run/5 K walk. Virginia C. Birney, our oldest parishioner, passed away on August 30th at the age of 100. Generous St. James Parishioners supported the annual Turkey Drive for the Capital Area Community Services for over \$3,000. Our new Gather Hymnals were introduced at the Masses on the weekend of December 1st & 2nd. Parishioners covered the cost by donations and dedications were placed in the front covers of the Hymnals. In December, new kitchen equipment was installed in Cave Hall including three new deep fryers, a new double stacking convection oven, new commercial hotplate burners and a new under counter refrigerator with work surface and cutting board all donated by the Knights of Columbus Mason Council #9182. December included a very successful Advent Project to build homes in Haiti and ended with a wonderful Christmas Season.

EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Help Celebrate St. James 75th Anniversary



It's not too late to share your story in the St. James 75th Memory Book! You may write your story in yourself (the book will be in the gathering space) or you can email it to Bonnie Gurzenda at bonniegurz@gmail.com, and it will be put into the book. The book will be on display until December.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



If you lost a loved one this year and would like to have them remembered at this special Mass at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 1st, please contact the office.

FATIMA

100 years ago, Our Blessed Mother appeared in Fatima, Portugal to three children. Her requests were with urgency to pray the rosary for world peace and the conversion of sinners. A miracle occurred on October 13th. We invite you to hear why the message is so significant for today!

St. Martha Council of Catholic Women is hosting a speaker who has traveled to Fatima, met with St. Jacinta's brother, received a relic of St. Jacinta's as a gift, and who has a passion to share the message. (6:00 pm rosary, 6:45 pm rosary blessing, and 7:00 pm presentation). Childcare will be provided. Please bring a snack to share, and baby wipes to donate to our local pregnancy help centers. Contact smarthaccw@gmail.com.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

During the celebration mass for the 75th Anniversary of St. James, Bishop Boyea asked if there were any people who were parishioners in 1942 and five people stood up. The bishop talked to Alfreda Schmidt as well as Tom and Mickey Bergeon. There was also a couple in the section in front of the choir but the bishop did not see them. Who are they? If that was you, or you know who they are, please contact the office at 676-9111 and leave a message with Alison. Our historian, Paul Miller, would love to speak with you or them.

FAITH BASED COUNSELING AVAILABLE

St. Vincent Catholic Charities is now offering Faith Based Counseling for all parishioners in the Diocese. These services are provided by Tammy Render-Morris, a Licensed Professional Counselor with a Christian Counseling designation. Please contact Tammy at 517-323-4734 Ext. 1735 to schedule an appointment.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Lansing Catholic High School is looking for an individual to help in food service. Responsibilities would include delivering prepared lunches to partner schools, Monday-Friday when schools are in session. Must use own vehicle and mileage is reimbursed. Individuals must be at least 21 years old.

If you are interested, please contact Bridget Norris at bridget.norris@lansingcatholic.org or call 517-267-2119.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

Upcoming Events:

October 6th, 7 & 8th—Tootsie Roll Drive. This is an annual event to raise funds to help the Physical and Intellectual Disabled individuals in our Community. Please show your support.

October 14th—Formation Degree at Resurrection Parish Hall with registration starting at 10:00 AM and the Degree at 10:15 AM.

October 15th— Formation Degree at Portland K of C Hall with registration starting at 11:45 AM and the Degree at 12:30 PM.

October 29th - 5:30 PM Rosary in the Chapel

October 29th - 6:00 PM Officer's Meeting

October 29th - 7:00 PM Regular Meeting



ATTENTION SINGLE MEN & WOMEN

(mid 30s & up): Lansing Catholic Singles invite you to a Happy Hour on Friday, Oct. 13th at 5:30 pm at La Seniorita in Lansing, across from Eastwood Towne Center. We may go to a movie at NCG Cinemas after dinner; TBD that night by those in attendance. For more information contact 517-321-7886 or lansingcatholicsingles@live.com. New members always welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!

R.O.C.K.

NEW TIME!! ROCK will start @ 5:15! We will now be meeting following the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturdays! Same great Fun, Friends & Faith!!

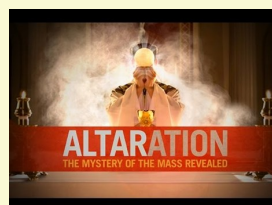


Have you signed up for Jamboree / Unashamed Diocesan High School Youth Conference Yet?? Deadline is fast approaching! Please turn in your permission slips ASAP!!

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ENCOUNTER

Additional class added! Join us Tuesdays from 4-5:45 pm OR 6-7:45 pm! Bring your friends for a night of Fun, Exploring our Faith & Encountering God's Love! All 6th-8th Graders welcome!



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...



- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

But how does our parish attract inquirers each year who consider becoming Catholic? The answer is you! As members of a welcoming and evangelizing community, we must be open to the Holy Spirit and the call to share the Divine message of salvation. The call to conversion can happen in our families, in the work place, in gatherings with friends and neighbors and in any contact that we make.

The RCIA initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The Rite speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey." Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, resulting in a significant experience for the parish community and a commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful for the catechumens.

If you, or someone you know might be interested in learning more about or participating in the RCIA process, please contact Alison in the parish office at 517-676-9111. **The first class is scheduled to begin on Thursday, October 12th at 7:00 p.m. and will continue every Thursday through Pentecost.**

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Our Sunday morning sessions are busy, and many of our families seems to be enjoying the time change and the proximity to Mass times. Please continue to register on our website link if you can join us. There will be formation offerings as well as refreshments for adults in Cave Hall, especially after we get the small groups off the ground.

Altar server training will be held during class time on Oct. 22nd, with an opportunity to serve immediately after the training during the 11 am Mass. New servers will dress and shadow the experienced servers-please challenge your child to give it a try! They may find Mass to be much more engaging when they are an important part of it. **Father Kusi really needs them!**

Children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be starting family workshops on October 22nd at 6 pm. If you do not receive a reminder email, please contact Maureen Stockwell at stjamesmaureen@gmail.com.