

The Diocese of Saginaw reminds us that the Catholic cemetery “provides a holy, dignified and prayerful place of burial that helps the Catholic Community see death as a bridge to the Communion of Saints.”

Having a vision to meet the needs of Catholics in the Diocese of Gaylord is the mission behind the Catholic Cemeteries to our north. “Death and life are of the same cloth. We see death with a different eye and for all to hear in the funeral liturgy we say, ‘Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended.’” 2 Corinthians 5:8 echoes this belief. “Yet we are courageous and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.”

The Mission of Catholic cemeteries allows families to return to common ground. Family monuments and memorials play roles in the heritage of families - generation after generation. Endowed care and peace provide an atmosphere of reverence and respect. Visit the Catholic cemetery where your loved ones are buried. Pray for them and remember the faith shared with them.

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“The Catholic cemetery is a sacred place set aside by the Church for the burial of the faithful. Burial in a Catholic cemetery is a final act of faith, a public witness to one’s membership in a community of faith,...” ; so begins the Diocese of Grand Rapids burial informational website. This statement of faith resounds throughout the Catholic community around the World. Catholic cemeteries are consecrated grounds for the faithful with room for their loved ones. Where else will a believing Catholic find the community of the Church during this time of greatest need?

“Our theology of the human person emphasizes the sacredness of life” (Archdiocese of Detroit). The Diocese of Lansing believes the ministry to brothers and sisters is paramount within the Catholic mission. Therefore, our mission statement gives reflection as in a deep pool to that family ministry.

The Church is commissioned by Christ to proclaim the Good News. Catholic cemeteries reflect this mission by maintaining and expressing Catholic teaching and tradition in their endeavor to serve the many needs of those requesting Catholic burial. The Diocese of Lansing Cemeteries, owned and operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing, provide for the family and friends who seek the healing and consoling presence of Christ and His Church in a Catholic setting.

The Diocese of Lansing Cemeteries comprising of: Old/New Calvary Cemetery in Flint, St. Joseph Cemetery in Lansing and St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Laingsburg, serve the needs of individuals and families by offering healing in a ministry of liturgy, prayer, counseling and consolation. With the grace of God, we endeavor to help people to experience Christian death and burial with faith, hope, dignity, and peace even as they and we suffer the pain and confusion of loss, separation and grief.

DAY OF RENEWAL
Goal 5, Strategy C: Integrate Catholic Social Teaching into all parish life: liturgy, spirituality, education, formation, social ministry and other parish activities.

Victorious Missionaries Flint Chapter has scheduled a Day of Renewal and Christmas Party for Persons with disAbilities on Saturday, December 10, 2005 at 2:00pm. This event is held at St. Pius X Parish Center, Flint. If you are interested in attending or have any further questions, call: Jean Haines, Coordinator, at 810-732-1068 or [Joann Davis](mailto:Joann.Davis@vmissionaries.org) at 517-342-2497.

CCMI MEETINGS
Goal 1, Strategy B: Ensure every person will have a specific experience of being invited, welcomed and nurtured into the parish community.

Christians Concerned about Mental Illness (CCMI) Monthly Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month (no meeting in December) at the Diocesan Center, Lansing from noon to 1:00pm. We will be reading and discussing the book entitled "Surviving Depression a Catholic Approach". We welcome new members at our meetings and if the meeting is not possible, consider being added to our monthly newsletter mailing list. Call: [Joann Davis](mailto:Joann.Davis@vmissionaries.org) at 517-342-2497.

BOOKS ON TAPE
Goal 1, Strategy B: Ensure every person will have a specific experience of being invited, welcomed and nurtured into the parish community.

Faith Magazine on Tape is available from the Ministry with Persons with disAbilities office at the cost of \$15.00 a year as well as Bishop Povish's Book on Tape, "The Peace I Leave with You" at the cost of \$10.95. Either of these items would make great gifts for persons who are sight impaired or blind as well as persons who cannot read or hold the printed word. Call: 517-342-2500.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF JACKSON COUNTY
Goal 5, Strategy A: Make the needs and independence of the poor and vulnerable a priority.

Catholic Charities of Jackson annually serves hundreds of children, individuals and families of all ages, faiths, cultures and income. The Counseling Program continues to be our major emphasis with specialty areas being children of abuse and neglect and adults living a life of domestic violence. Effective January 2005, the 12th District Court implemented a Domestic Violence Court system whereby every offender is held accountable for their actions in a very timely manner. Catholic Charities of Jackson works closely with the court system by providing the Aggression Intervention Program for these offenders.

The Program is designed to provide services to adult offenders of domestic violence. It provides a comprehensive assessment, group intervention and ongoing feedback to referring parties. Both men and women's groups are offered, with the emphasis on helping the one who has battered accept responsibility and accountability for his/her behavior and effect change. The program emphasizes that behavior is purposeful and learned and focuses on changing the underlying belief system that leads to abusive behavior. Services are provided by qualified master's or doctorate level clinicians who have specialized training in treatment of those guilty of battering and who work closely with referring parties and community resources. It follows the State of Michigan Guidelines for Batterer Intervention Programs, strives to meet all standards and works very closely with the local battered women's shelter, the local supervised visitation center as well as the Jackson County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. If you are interested in learning more about Catholic Charities of Jackson, contact: 517-782-2551 or visit the website at www.ccjax.org.

PARISH ALDS AVAILABLE
Goal 1.2, Strategy A: Encourage activities and events inclusive of all ages, cultures, races and abilities.

Assistive Listening Devices (ALD) for Hard of Hearing church members can certainly enhance the Sunday liturgical experience. The new diocesan directory indicates there are 42 parishes that provide ALDs for their congregation. However, the people in the pews do not seem to know the equipment is available. I happened to talk with two church members from different parishes in the past few days who said they have difficulty hearing in church. When I checked the directory, both churches indicated they have assistive listening equipment. The problem seems to be that the people needing this service do not pursue it in their parish; and parishes do not publicize the fact that the equipment is available. If your parish has ALD accommodations, please promote its use. If your parish does not own such equipment, you can call: [Rose Smith](mailto:Rose.Smith@diocese.org), Deaf/HH Ministry Office at 517-342-2532 for pertinent information on assistive listening equipment.

CCHD
Goal 5, Strategy A: Make the needs and independence of the poor and vulnerable a priority.

Remember the Catholic Campaign for Human Development National Collection is November 19 and 20. Please be generous!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN TO END THE USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY

Goal 5, Strategy B: Offer educational tools that will assist individuals and families to integrate the principles of Catholic Social Teaching into their daily lives.

The Office of Life Justice is working with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to disseminate materials on the *Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty*. All parishes have received an order form for brochures or bulletin inserts on this subject. All orders must come through the diocesan office. Why a campaign now? Pope John Paul II and the bishops have clearly asked us to help end the use of the death penalty. The death penalty in our land is deeply flawed. More than 115 people on death row have been exonerated. The death penalty is unfairly applied due to many factors, including: where a crime is committed, the race of the victim and offender and the quality and costs of defense. Catholic teaching makes clear that the use of the death penalty cannot be justified when the state has other ways to protect society.

END OF LIFE ISSUES

Goal 5, Strategy B: Offer educational tools that will assist individuals and families to integrate the principles of Catholic Social Teaching into their daily lives.

Terri Schiavo died from dehydration, despite all of the various wrangling of the news media and courts. Previous to her death, the Vatican came out in support of continuing water and nutrition, as she was not at the end of life nor dying of any disease. In March 2004, Pope John Paul II stated that “. . . the administration of water and food, even when provided by artificial means, always represents a *natural means of preserving life, not a medical act*. Its use, furthermore, should be considered in principle, *ordinary and proportionate* and as such morally obligatory, insofar as and until it is seen to have attained its *proper finality* . . .” Some Catholics are arguing that the proper finality for Terri involved the removal of food and nutrition to effectively kill her. In response to the many inquiries about end of life issues, the diocese will be sponsoring qualified speakers and forums regarding this issue. Contact: Life Justice Office at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.

NFP CLASSES

Goal 5, Strategy B: Offer educational tools that will assist individuals and families to integrate the principles of Catholic Social Teaching into their daily lives.

The Introduction to *Natural Family Planning* classes are offered:

Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at 7:30pm

St. Joseph Parish, Howell

Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at 7:00pm

St. Michael Parish, Grand Ledge

Saturday, December 3, 2005 at 9:00am

St. John Vianney Parish, Flint

Pre-registration is required for all participants. Contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

ATTENTION ENGAGED/ MARRIED COUPLES

Goal 5, Strategy B: Offer educational tools that will assist individuals and families to integrate the principles of Catholic Social Teaching into their daily lives.

A Day of Reflection for engaged and married couples is Sunday, December 4, 2005. This is a free event. Couples are invited to attend 12:00pm Mass at St. Mary Cathedral followed by a luncheon at the Diocesan Center at 1:30pm. Fr. Tim MacDonald, pastor at Most Holy Trinity Parish, Fowler, will speak on “The Spirituality of Marriage.” RSVP required by Wednesday, November 30, 2005. Contact: 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

CHILD ABUSE SEMINAR

Goal 5, Strategy B: Offer educational tools that will assist individuals and families to integrate the principles of Catholic Social Teaching into their daily lives.

Trauma Recovery Associates are conducting a Seminar on “A Faith Based Response to Childhood Abuse and Neglect”, Tuesday, November 29 at 9:00am - 5:00pm and Wednesday, November 30 at 9:00am - 12:00pm, St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall. Call: [Vince Gale](mailto:VinceGale) at 517-342-2470.

PROJECT RACHEL

Goal 5, Strategy B: Offer educational tools that will assist individuals and families to integrate the principles of Catholic Social Teaching into their daily lives.

The Post-Abortion Trauma and Healing Seminar was a success! Special thanks to Dennis Mollitor for setup, Linda Kolanowski, Lorraine Rogge and Angela Grzemkowski for helping with registration, door monitoring and other tasks. We plan on offering the **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** several times a year. Call: [Vince Gale](mailto:VinceGale) at 517-342-2470.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

A FEW NOTES

Goal 6.2: Offer opportunities for personal and communal spiritual renewal.

- Criminal background checks are conducted on adults only (18+ years of age).
- If you wish to host a Protecting God's Children session in late winter/early spring, call: 517-342-2551.
- The Safe Environment Office welcomes Sue Gabel to its staff. Sue has been working on a temporary part-time basis since February 1st, recording background checks and the codes of conduct. Sue's mom, Marge Roman, worked in the Finance Office for many years. Call: Sue at 517-342-2596.
- The Diocese of Lansing compliance audit was September 13-14. The Gavin Group of Boston, MA conducts audits in the arch/dioceses/eparchies in the U.S. (including Alaska and Hawaii). Bishop Mengeling received the following letter from Mr. William A. Gavin:

Based on the information furnished to The Gavin Group, Inc. on November 3, 2005, the Diocese of Lansing is now in full compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

At the first Protecting God's Children Awareness session, August 13, 2003, Bishop Mengeling said, "Together we can do this" and together we have. On behalf of Bishop Mengeling, Msgr. Murphy and myself, we extend to you our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for your cooperation. Implementation of the *Charter* is ongoing and we look forward to your continued support to create safe environments for our children and young people.

FINANCE

DIOCESE OF LANSING CATHOLIC CEMETERIES PRESENTS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Goal 6.2: Offer opportunities for personal and communal spiritual renewal.

We offer Adult recovery in the Roman Catholic tradition and no one is turned away. Currently, facilitators hold all meetings at 5:30pm for a six weeks series.

FLINT:

Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties
901 Chippewa Street Flint, 48503
810-232-9950
Mr. Eric E. Craig, MA, LLP

SERIES #1

November 7, 14, 28
December 5, 12, 19

SERIES #2*

TENTATIVE DATES
April 17, 24
May 1, 8, 15, 22

SERIES #3*

TENTATIVE DATES
November 6, 13, 27
December 4, 11, 18

LANSING:

St. Vincent Catholic Charities
2800 West Willow St., Lansing
48917
517-323-4734
Mr. Tom Helma, MA, LMSW, LPC

SERIES #1

November 2, 9, 16, 30
December 7, 14

SERIES #2*

April 19, 26
May 3, 10, 17, 24

SERIES #3*

November 8, 15, 29
December 6, 13, 20

To register, call: Linda at 517-342-2522, Gerry toll-free at 877-234-6333, New Calvary Catholic Cemetery at 810-732-2620 or St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery 517-484-2500.

Space is limited. Please register early and consider a \$5.00 donation per week.

PASTORAL PLANNING

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF PARISH GOALS AND PRIORITIES — 2005

The Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council has reviewed the responses received from parishes in their respective annual assessments of goals and priorities. Specific needs and concerns cited in the various parish reports have been forwarded to the appropriate diocesan office so that parishes can expect a response in a timely fashion.

Parishes that have not yet submitted the annual assessment of their goals and priorities are reminded to please return the completed questionnaire to the Office of Pastoral Planning as soon as possible.

FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

Goal 6.2: Offer opportunities for personal and communal spiritual renewal.

2006

- Jan. 2-5** Region VI Forum for Pastoral Leadership
Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor
Theme: "Change: Love It, Hate It, Lead It"
- Feb. 24** Ongoing Formation Day
Saint Mary Magdalen, Brighton
9:00am - 3:30pm
Presenter: Fr. Robert Rivers
- March 11** Deacon Community Lenten Day
St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing - Fr. MAC Hall
9:00am - 3:30pm
Presenter: Fr. Karl Pung
- March 23** Priests' Lenten Day of Reflection with Bishop
Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt
- May 1-5** Priests' Spring Retreat
Bethany House, DeWitt
Presenter: Fr. Norbert J. Wood, O. Praem
- May 23** Social for Senior Priests
Bethany House, DeWitt
- July 21** LUGNUTS GAME - family night for vocations
- July 26** Priests' Summer Day
Bethany House, DeWitt
- August 19** Conversations in Ministry
Diocesan Center
Presenter: Dr. Janet Smith
Theme: Theology of the Body
- Sept. 29-
October 1** Permanent Deacon Community Annual Convocation
Shanty Creek Resort & Club, Bellaire, MI
Presenter: Fr. Richard Hogan
- October 2-5** 28th Annual Presbyteral Convocation
Shanty Creek Resort & Club, Bellaire, MI
Presenter: Fr. Richard Hogan

2007

- May 19** Permanent Deacon Ordination
Saint Mary Cathedral
10:00am

"OUR CATHOLIC FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE"

Goal 6.2: Offer opportunities for personal and communal spiritual renewal.

Father Bryan Hehir, will be the guest presenter on Friday, November 18, 9:00am - 3:30pm at St. Agnes Church, Fowlerville.

During the last national election, there were several issues that challenged our nation and in a particular way, the Catholic faithful. Our speaker will address the Catholic politician and the Catholic voter. Specific issues will include: war, capital punishment, abortion, stem cell research and same sex marriage. We hope to have a fruitful discussion about these areas, outside of the tensions that arise during a normal election year. This is the latest in the series of ongoing events sponsored by the Formation Department. Cost for the entire day is \$25.00 which includes lunch. If you have not received a registration brochure and would like to attend, contact: Arlene at 517-342-2510 or awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org.



PASTORS/PASTORAL COORDINATORS

Goal 6:2 Offer opportunities for personal and communal spiritual renewal

A request has been made to formulate a list of persons, religious orders or organizations which do parish missions. If you have anyone or any group you would like to recommend, fax that information to 517-342-2515 or e-mail Pete Ries at pries@dioceseoflansing.org. Please send your information by December 1. Pete will formulate a master list and share it through VOICES Alive!

LITURGY AND MUSIC CONFERENCE

Goal 6: Foster and enhance spirituality and worship which will deepen our relationship with God and the Church.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 4, 2006, for the ninth annual Liturgy and Music Conference featuring Dr. Nathan Mitchell of the University of Notre Dame. The theme for the conference will be "Renew Your Gift of Life Within Us" and will focus on the sacraments of initiation. Additional workshops will be offered for all liturgical ministers. All are welcome! Call: Office of Worship at 517-342-2476.

YOUNG ADULT NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Goal 7.1: Engage youth, college students and young adults that will sustain them in the Church.

Mailing has been sent out for the **Young Adult New Year's Eve Party** at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in East Lansing. If you need a registration form for this event, call: 517-342-2484.



EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS



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Goal 3.1: Create comprehensive continuing adult education and formation opportunities.

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Now that we have concluded the Year of the Eucharist and the Bishops' Synod on the Eucharist, perhaps parishes could consider offering a short series on the Mass. In a one session, two session, or four session format participants could take a look at the parts of the Mass, pinpoint what each part attempts to accomplish, reflect on their experience of that part of the Mass, and discuss ways of making the celebration of that part of the Mass more effective. Although such a program would automatically relate to parish worship commissions, many parishioners could find this to be an interesting and valuable experience. There are print and video materials available for such a study/discussion. Call Pete Ries for a growing list of resources, 517-342-2486, pries@dioceseoflansing.org.

THE COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS RELEASED

Goal 3.2, Strategy A: Ensure that the religious education curriculum contains all the teachings of the Church.

On October, 2002, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Congregation for the Clergy held an International Congress to mark the tenth anniversary of the release of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)*. During the Congress, Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, the Archbishop of Vienna, suggested that a more concise version of the *Catechism* would be helpful for use. Pope John Paul II accepted the suggestion and appointed a special commission to develop the text. The book was given final approval by Pope Benedict XVI in June. Its structure follows the four pillars of the *Catechism* but does not rely exclusively on the language. The questions and answers are not, as some had expected, based on the "In Brief" sections of the CCC, but are original text. Like the *Catechism*, the *Compendium* is rich in references to Scripture and the writings of various saints, particularly the Fathers and the Doctors of the Church. Because of its question-and-answer format, catechetical leaders – parents, pastors, teachers, principals and catechists – have a unique opportunity to dialogue with the faithful, and reinvigorate the Church's ongoing mission of evangelization and catechesis. An essential tool for youth and young adults, the *Compendium* is the perfect companion to a youth or young adult's Bible, spiritual reading, or textbook. Catechetical leaders in high schools, colleges and parishes will appreciate its versatility – as a reference book, discussion starter, or resource for RCIA programs. Copies of the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* are on order and are anticipated to arrive at the Diocesan Center in December. If interested in reserving a copy, call: Michael Andrews, Director of Catechesis at 517-342-2484.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

REGIONAL NETWORKS FOR LEADERSHIP IN YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Goal 7.1: Engage youth, college students and young adults that will sustain them in the Church. Regional networks of those in leadership for young adult ministry are being formed in all regions of the diocese. On December 8 we will have a Livingston and Washtenaw regional meeting at St. Joseph Parish in Howell at 7:30pm, following Holy Day Mass. Initial daytime meeting with parish staff is also set for Lenawee, Hillsdale and Jackson in November. An evening session will be scheduled at a later time.

MICHIGAN GATHERING OF PARISH AND DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL LEADERS

Goal: 4.3, Strategy A: Emphasize through formation and education that spiritual growth in the likeness of Christ is the heart of ministry and leadership.

DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, Evangelization Chairpersons and others engaged in catechetical ministry are invited to join their peers in ministry from across the state for a 25 hour ministry renewal, Monday, January 9, 12:00pm until Tuesday, January 10, 1:00pm. Among the topics for conversation will be balance in ministry, vision and catechetical leadership and “evangechesis”. For registration information, contact: Kimmel Burden at 517-342-2484 or kburden@dioceseoflansing.org. Registration deadline is **December 12**.

EVANGELIZATION AND PARISH LIFE

Goal 2, Strategy B: Design and implement a systematic plan for evangelization.

Pastors/Pastoral Coordinators and their Evangelization Chairpersons and Teams are invited to one of two regional gatherings to consider concrete ways to develop the ministry of evangelization in the parish. How can evangelization become a central aspect of parish life without adding to an already overcrowded list of committees and activities? Agenda will include: • light supper • sharing of approaches to developing evangelization in a parish • review of resource display

• presentation and sharing of ideas on “becoming a welcoming parish”
Choose either Monday, November 21, 6:30 - 8:30pm at St. James, Mason or Tuesday, November 29, 6:30 - 8:30pm at St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton. Please pre-register by returning the form below so that we can prepare the proper amount for supper and handouts.

Evangelization and Parish Life

Name _____ Position _____
Parish/City _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

Date and Site You Will Be Attending:

_____ Monday, November 21, 6:30 - 8:30pm, St. James, Mason
_____ Tuesday, November 29, 6:30 - 8:30pm, St. Mary
Magdalen, Brighton

Return to: Margaret Grima, Diocese of Lansing, 300 West
Ottawa, Lansing, MI

ALL FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM LEADERS

Goal 4.3, Strategy C: Utilize multiple educational institutions, diocesan central office personnel and financial resources to form and educate people for ministry.

If you have not taken an in depth course in methodology, seriously consider joining a group of students at St. John, Ypsilanti on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 9:30pm, January 10 - April 18 for the 3 credit course, **Catechetical Methodology**. It will provide an extensive consideration of faith formation methodologies for adults, teens and children, Directors of Adult Education, RCIA Directors, Coordinators of Youth Ministry and Directors of Religious Education. They will find immediate use for the material covered. It can also be an opportunity for in-depth enrichment for catechists with advanced certification. Contact: Nancy Joseph at 517-342-2512 or njoseph@dioceseoflansing.org.

YOUNG ADULT MASS & BRUNCH WITH BISHOP MENGELING

Goal 7.1 Strategy A: Develop ways to evangelize youth, college students and young adults that will sustain them in the Church. Will be at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing. Noon mass will be followed by brunch and dialogue with Bishop Mengeling. Call: Office of Young Adult Ministry at 517-342-2484.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Goal 4.3, Strategy A: Emphasize through formation and education that spiritual growth in the likeness of Christ is the heart of ministry and leadership.

...for the Pastoral Ministers/
Administrators Retreat, Thursday, February 23, at Bethany House, DeWitt. More details to follow.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

NOVEMBER - JANUARY 2005

11/15	9:30am - 9:30am Evangelization advisory Committee - Diocesan Center	12/18	Fourth Sunday of Advent - Cycle B, Year II
11/16	7:00pm - 9:00pm Parish Advocates with Persons with disAbilities, St. Mary, Chelsea	12/25	Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day
11/17	1:00pm - 4:00pm Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council - St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton 6:15pm Diocesan Board of Education and Catechesis - Diocesan Center	12/26-30	Central Services Closed for Christmas
11/19	10:30am Ordination to Transitional Diaconate - St. Mary Cathedral	12/30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
11/20	CCHD National Collection in Parishes 3:00pm Confirmation - St. Gerard, Lansing	12/31	Young Adult New Year's Eve Party - St. Thomas, E. Lansing
11/21	6:30pm - 8:30pm Gathering of Parish Evangelization Leaders and Teams - St. James, Mason	1/1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
11/24-25	Central Services Closed for Thanksgiving	1/7	12:00pm - 5:00pm Christmas Party - disAbility Ministry, Madonna Hall
11/24	Thanksgiving	1/8-14	Vocation Awareness Week
11/27	First Sunday of Advent - Cycle B, Year II	1/8	The Epiphany of the Lord
11/28	6:30pm Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center	1/9-10	Michigan Gathering of Parish & Diocesan Catechetical Leaders - Bethany House, DeWitt
11/29	8:00am Family Life Advisory Board Subcommittee Meetings - Diocesan Center 6:30pm - 8:30pm Gathering of Parish Evangelization Leaders and Teams - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton	1/9	The Baptism of the Lord
12/4	Second Sunday of Advent - Cycle B, Year II	1/14-15	DYAC Overnight - Lansing
12/8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - USA	1/14	10:00am - 1:00pm Youth Events Planning Committee - Cristo Rey, Lansing
12/9	Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Mary Cathedral, Diocese of Lansing	1/17	9:30am - 1:00pm CYM Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
12/10	10:00am Catholic Committee on Scouting - St. Joseph, Howell 10:00am - 1:00pm Youth Events and DYAC - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton	1/18	9:30am - 12:00pm Catechist Trainers' In-service - Diocesan Center
12/11	Third Sunday of Advent - Cycle B, Year II	1/19	1:00pm - 4:00pm Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council - St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton 6:15pm Diocesan Board of Education and Catechesis - Diocesan Center
12/13-14	10:15am Santa's Workshop, disAbility Ministry, Madonna Hall, All Day	1/23-25	All Ministers Retreat - SFRC, DeWitt
12/13	10:00am - 2:00pm Lansing Catholic Campus Ministry Association - TBA	1/24	9:30am Evangelization Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
		1/25	10th Anniversary - Ordination of Most Rev. Carl Mengeling, 4th Bishop of the Diocese of Lansing 9:30am - 12:30pm CAFE (Catholic Adult Formation and Education) Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 12:00pm - 3:00pm Christian Initiation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 7:00pm IHM/St. Casimir Confirmation - IHM, Lansing
		1/27-29	TEC Retreat - TBA
		1/28	1:30pm - 4:30pm Caregiver/disAbility Retreat Day, IHM Parish Hall 4:30pm Confirmation - St. Michael, Grand Ledge

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