

Within the Diocese and supported by DSA contributions are programs designed for marriage preparation (FOCCUS, Natural Family Planning, Catholic Information Series, We Care and the Remarriage Seminar), marriage enrichment (World Wide Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille and a new one in pilot called “The Marriage Course”), divorced and separated support groups and a program titled “Beginning Experience.” The key is that we have a program and/or resource for just about every situation a married couple and family would encounter.

Over the next twelve months the Office of Family Life Ministry will focus on the development and implementation of programs specifically aimed at assisting “newly married” couples and on the development of “family friendly” parishes and communities. These are not just programs to keep families and married couples together, but programs that have our Eucharist Lord at their very core. With him, marriage and family life is a joyful road to travel, a beautiful and fruitful venture. Without our Eucharistic Lord, marriage and family life is dead!



MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND THE EUCHARIST: A FORMULA FOR LIFE

As the Year of the Eucharist draws to an end, we are reminded by words of Pope John Paul II that, “The Eucharist is the very source of Christian marriage” (Christian Family in the Modern World - Familiaris Consortio). We know that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith and belief; that without it we would not be Catholic Christians and without it God would not be the guiding force in our marriage. Yet seldom do married couples see the Eucharist at the center of their relationship. Seldom do married couples identify the Eucharist as the heart and summit of marriage and of Christian family life. For if they did, they would recognize that the “Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit” (CCC 2205). If couples would recognize the existence of God in their marriage, that there are three persons, the number of divorces, separations and breakups would drastically decline. Human life is difficult enough to face and without the recognized presence of God - a divine person - who can handle the issues and problems that are well beyond our human capability - our marriages have a greater chance of failure.

“The future of humanity passes by way of the family” (Pope John Paul II), so it is imperative that we continue to build strong families within the domestic church, supported by parish and diocesan resources. Several programs and a vast amount of printed material are available to assist the local and domestic church in support of marriage. First and most important, yet often overlooked, is that parents are the first teachers of their children. What children see modeled within the context of “home” is what children will learn and act out in later life. If home life is hectic, tense and on the edge of melt-down, that is what children learn as acceptable behavior and will emulate the same patterns exhibited at home. It isn’t a matter of “doing what I tell you to do”, but more along the lines of “do as I do”. Sociologists tell us that by the time a young child starts the first grade, their patterns of living are already ingrained in their brain. For some families, that is a scary proposition...! We can mitigate adverse behavior by immersing children in picture books and reading material that portray values and beliefs of Christians and not of some warring characters who use brute force and intimidation to get what they want.

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PRISONER PEN PAL MINISTRY

Goal 5, Strategy E: Increase awareness of social justice and outreach by direct involvement in services to the poor and vulnerable.

The Prisoner Pen Pal Ministry, out of the Office of Restorative Justice, is STILL and forever, looking for persons 18 or older who would like to light up the life of a person behind prison walls. It is hard to explain how much the volunteer letters mean to a prisoner, who often has no contact whatsoever with the outside community. All volunteers' privacy is fully protected by the program. If your church or ministry would like to know more about this helpful work, which even the most limited person could do (the homebound, elderly or disabled), contact: Rory Hoipkemier at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.

PAROLEE MENTOR PROGRAM

Goal 5, Strategy A: Make the needs and independence of the poor and vulnerable a priority. The Department of Corrections is reaching out to the faith community in unprecedented fashion, inviting us to assist parolees in their very difficult transition to life in the community. Most parolees who have no family support will end up back in prison within 18 months, as the community offers nothing but closed doors and no options. Without education and work, the life of crime is the only alternative in our present system. We are looking for volunteers who will be trained to team up with a large group of support staff and mentors, working together to enable a parolee to get back on his/her feet. If you are a part of a group who would like to have a presentation made about this work or simply want to know more, contact: Rory Hoipkemier at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



DEAF RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION GROUP

Goal 7, Strategy A: Ensure continuity in serving youth as they move into their young adult years and beyond.

The Catholic Deaf/HH Ministry will provide an opportunity for Deaf youth to participate in a religious discussion group on the first Sunday of each month, starting in November. The discussions in sign language will be led by Nate Boltz after the Lansing Deaf Mass. The first group discussion will be held on November 6 after the 3:00pm Mass at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing. For further information, contact: Rose Smith at 517-342-2532 or rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org.

CCHD "CELEBRATION OF JUSTICE"

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

The 2005 Catholic Campaign for Human Development "Celebration of Justice Dinner" will be held November 10, 2005 at St. Joseph Parish in Howell. The Seeker of Justice award recipient this year is Deacon H. David Scharf. To register, contact: Vince Gale at 517-342-2470 or vgale@dioceseoflansing.org.

CCMI MEETING

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

The next Christians Concerned About Mental Illness (CCMI) Meeting will be Tuesday, October 25, 2005. Meetings are held from 12:00 - 1:00pm at the Diocesan Center in Lansing on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We welcome new members for prayer and fellowship. Contact: Joann Davis at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org for further information or to be added to our mailing list for a monthly newsletter.

VICTORIOUS MISSIONARIES

Goal 3: Provide vibrant, lifelong faith formation opportunities which enable us to live the Gospel.

Victorious Missionaries Flint Area invite persons with disabilities to a "Day of Renewal" at 10:00am and Mini MR Retreat at 2:00pm on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at St. Pius X Parish Center, Flint, Michigan. Call: Jean Haines at 810-732-1068.

KIDS HOPE USA

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 planning to expand the work of Kids Hope USA throughout the diocese. Presently, St. Gerard in Lansing is the first Catholic church to link up with this Christian-sponsored program. Kids Hope USA is an award-winning mentoring program that works exclusively through local churches, teaching them to engage their own members in one-to-one relationships with at-risk public elementary school children. The theme of Kids Hope USA is "One child, one hour, one church, one school". According to their teachers, 99.5% of the KHUSA children benefitted from their relationship with a mentor. Contact: Rory Hoipkemier at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



FAMILY MINI-GRANT \$\$\$ AVAILABLE

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

Do you have a great idea for a project that supports and strengthens families in your parish? Call for a Family Mini-Grant Application Packet and apply for a grant (up to \$750) to assist you with your project's funding. Contact: Ron Landfair, Director of the Mini-Grant Program, at 517-342-2496 or rlandfair@dioceseoflansing.org. The Review Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Your grant application must be received by the first of the month in order to be reviewed at that month's meeting. The following grants were approved at the September meeting: St. Therese, Lansing: Survival Skills for Healthy Families - Four workshops over four weeks to equip Christian parents/guardians in family life today with the necessary tools to foster healthy and responsible children. St. Rita, Clarklake: Baby Love! - Teens helping pregnant teens who choose to have their babies because they support life by providing clothing, medicines and support. Holy Spirit, Hamburg: The Bread of Life for Families - Providing Easter meal for 30 families at the poverty level along with spiritual encouragement and support and providing a social outreach program for youth. St. Martha School, Okemos: How to be the Most Popular Kid in Class - A project that raises awareness among staff, students and families that every interaction presents an opportunity to have a positive impact on others. Ministry with Persons with disAbilities, Lansing: Family Day with Bishop Mengeling and Persons with disAbilities - Provide an opportunity for persons with disabilities and their families to celebrate liturgy with the Bishop, share their concerns with him at the luncheon and network with other families.

NFP PROGRAM

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.

Introduction classes will be scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at 7:30pm, St. Joseph Parish, Howell

Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at 7:00pm, St. Michael Parish, Grand Ledge

Contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

NEW NFP COORDINATOR

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.

Angela Grzemkowski is the new coordinator for the Natural Family Planning Program in the Diocese of Lansing. Angela has been an employee of Diocesan Central Services since December 2001. She has been trained as a teacher in the Billings Ovulation Method of NFP and is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is a member of St. Mary Cathedral Parish and has been very involved at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in East Lansing in their young adult ministry. Angela is working on coordinating dates for the Introduction to Natural Family Planning across the diocese for 2006. The Introduction is a required component of Marriage Preparation for the Diocese. Contact: Angela at 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LENAWEE

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

Catholic Charities of Lenawee has been providing an array of human services for nearly fifty years. Counseling services continues to be our emphasis. Catholic Charities of Lenawee is well known and respected in the community for the treatment of victims of abuse. As a result, a high percentage of the population served is the community's most vulnerable, children of abuse.

The Foster Care Program provides a safe and nurturing substitute family to children from birth to age seventeen who have been removed from the home of their parents or guardian. Catholic Charities is in the final stages of implementing an adoption program for foster care parents. The Nurturing Parenting Program assists families by providing specialized instruction in their home about parenting. Sexual offenders receive treatment in an effort to prevent recurrence of the problem as well.

Catholic Charities of Lenawee is the sponsoring organization for a Big Brothers Big Sisters program. These volunteers help to nurture the child's emotional, intellectual and social growth.

Catholic Charities of Lenawee participates in many community outreach efforts: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Yellow Ribbon Program for the prevention of teen suicide, substance abuse counseling at the local university and working with children and parents at area elementary schools.

Most of the individuals and families who come to Catholic Charities each year have an income below the average needed to live in Lenawee County. Contact: Catholic Charities of Lenawee at 517-263-2191 or www.catholiccharitieslenawee.com.

FORMATION VISITS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Goal 6.2, Strategy A: Offer opportunities that educate and form the faithful in the call to holiness, spirituality and prayer.

Fr. Jerry Vincke and Sr. Mary Ann Foggin are excited at the response from the Catholic schools in our Diocese of their offer to visit classrooms to talk about vocations. The following schools have scheduled dates between October and February:

St. Thomas the Apostle - Ann Arbor
St. Thomas Aquinas - Lansing
Holy Family - Grand Blanc
St. Mary's - Mt. Morris
St. Robert Bellarmine - Flushing
St. Peter's - Eaton Rapids
St. Joseph - Howell
Resurrection - Lansing
St. Mary's - Charlotte
St. Therese - Lansing
Huron Valley Catholic School - Ypsilanti
St. Mary's - Pinckney
Holy Cross - Lansing
Sacred Heart - Hudson
Holy Redeemer - Burton
Holy Rosary - Flint
St. Francis - Ann Arbor
St. Martha's - Okemos

If you have not yet scheduled a date for a visit, feel free to call: Sr. Mary Ann at 517-342-2506.



FORMATION

ONGOING FORMATION FOR PARISH LEADERS PRIESTS, DEACONS, LAY MINISTERS

"Our Catholic Faith in the Public Square"

Father Bryan Hehir

Friday, November 18, 2005

9:00am - 3:30pm

Saint Agnes Church, Fowlerville

The issues that faced the nation and our Catholic faithful in particular during the last national election were profound and divisive. Many would have wanted to deal with the issues of Religion and American Public Life in a less volatile time.

Fr. Hehir's teaching, research and policy work in the church over the last 30-some years have focused on Catholic social teaching, the role of religion in American society, in world politics and issues of social and foreign policy.

From 1973-1992, he was assigned to the U.S. Catholic Conference and served on the faculty at Georgetown University. More recently he served as President of Catholic Charities USA, one of the Nation's largest private networks of social service organizations. Presently, he heads Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Boston.

Since 1993, Fr. Hehir has served as chair of the Executive Committee of Harvard Divinity School and professor of the Practice In Religion and Society, a position he continues to serve. He has also served as counselor at Catholic Relief Services since 1996.

Under the title of "Our Catholic Faith in the Public Square", our speaker will address the issue of the Catholic politician/office holder and the Catholic voter. Specific life issues will include: war, capital punishment, abortion, stem cell research, same sex marriage, etc. Please join us for fruitful discussion about these areas outside of the tensions that arise during a normal election year.

This is the latest in the series of on-going formation events sponsored by the Formation Department. Registrations are now being taken. Cost for the entire day is \$25.00 including lunch. If you have not received a form and would like to attend, contact: Arlene at 517-342-2510 or awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org.

Directions to St. Agnes: I-96 to Exit 129. North on Fowlerville Road approximately one mile to Grand River Avenue. (The first light after the railroad tracks). Right on Grand River Avenue. The Church will be on the left approximately 1/2 mile down the road. Parish Phone: 517-223-8684.

FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

Goal 6.2, Strategy A: Offer opportunities that educate and form the faithful in the call to holiness, spirituality and prayer.

October 25 Lay Ministers' Convocation - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
Presenter: Paige Byrne Shortal - Theme: The Year of the Eucharist

November 5 Ecclesial Lay Ministers' Commissioning
St. Mary Cathedral - 10:00am

2006

May 1-5 Priests' Spring Retreat - Bethany House, DeWitt
Presenter: Fr. Norbert J. Wood, O. Praem

October 2-5 28th Annual Presbyteral Convocation
Shanty Creek Resort & Club, Bellaire, MI

PASTORAL PLANNING



VOICES ALIVE CONTINUES!

One of the issues most often heard during VOICES was that of 'number of clergy' and 'clergy deployment'. Four study days were held recently to begin looking at **Strategy 4.2** of the **Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Effectively deploy clergy to improve sacramental and pastoral ministry.**

The day began with a statistical information presentation which included:

- statistics of current ministers with projections through 2020
- population statistics and trends through 2020
- October Mass counts

Each of the four groups of participants were asked what principles they thought should guide the process by which our 97 faith communities should be re-visioned. Here are the top four results from each group:

PRIESTS AND PASTORAL COORDINATORS:

1. Parishes must have sacramental ministry available. Priestly duties could be prioritized in the following order . . . sacramental, pastoral, administrative. Pastoral leadership can be accomplished through appropriately formed deacons and lay ministers.
2. The Gospel will be preached to the poor regardless of closures and/or consolidations.
3. Encourage regional collaboration in pastoral and parochial ministries.

DEACONS AND DEACON CANDIDATES:

1. Use personnel for their proper roles. Examine all available resources to accommodate parishes.
2. Use deacons effectively to maximize the efficiency of the priests.
3. Separate sacramental needs from pastoral needs in allocating human resources.

LAY MINISTERS:

1. Sacramental ministry is the priority. Increase understanding of the priesthood of the faithful.
2. Have a sensitivity to the dignity of each parish community during the process.
3. Prayerfully engage and inform all the faithful.

CENTRAL OFFICE MINISTERS:

1. Alleviate administrative work load for pastor by looking for other options, i.e. hire a business manager, utilize deacons and pastoral ministers better.
2. Cluster parishes and/or collaboratively pool resources between parishes. Include sacramental needs, youth and other ministries, Mass schedules.
3. Reinvigorate a culture that would promote vocations at the parish/ school/ family level and through conversion experiences, i.e., Koinonia, Cursillo, T.E.C., etc.

Bishop Mengeling announced that he would appoint a Coordinating Commission to review all the information collected from each of the study days. This Commission will recommend to the Bishop the principles by which the process to revision parishes will take place. They will also be responsible to design a process by which this re-visioning plan will be implemented.

Continue reading VOICES ALIVE to stay informed of this important process.

CATECHETICAL SATURDAY '05

Goal 3: Provide vibrant, lifelong faith formation opportunities which enable us to live the gospel.

Thanks to all the participants who brought their spirit of joy and optimism to the Lansing Center on October 15. All aspects of catechetical ministry were represented. Our speakers and the planning committee were outstanding. Congratulations to everyone!

JAMBOREE 2005

Goal 7.1, Strategy A: Develop ways to evangelize youth, college students and young adults that will sustain them in the Church.

You can still register your group for Jamboree. It will be held at the Lansing Center, Sunday, November 13, 2005. I would love to see a huge turnout so those that come can see that faith comes first for the youth of our diocese. Let this Jamboree be a light to the Lansing area of what God means to us. The theme, "Son Day Live", reminds us that Jesus is the one who gives us life and brings it meaning. Please encourage your youth to come from every parish and school in our diocese. We had 1150 participants last year. Our keynote is Nick Alexander, known as the "Catholic Weird Al Yankovich".

Please pray for the success of our trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference. We are bringing 298 participants to Atlanta, October 26-30. It is the largest group in our 13 diocese region.

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 Church in East Lansing. For registration form, call: 517-342-2484.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS



CAFÉ

Goal 2: Commit to our mission of evangelization by sharing the joy and promise of the Gospel with inactive and alienated Catholics and the unchurched.

Welcome Home Sunday has received a lot of attention through the August 31 business meeting for parish adult education leaders and the packets of materials delivered to each of the parishes. Parishes now need to be convening their planning committees to organize the details of the outreach for this year.

- 1) Recruit membership on this committee from various parish staff persons, major parish organizations and particular age groups.
- 2) Consider what will be done the 3-5 weekends before December 4 if your parish/region is using the Advent/Christmas season, or 3-5 weekends before March 12 if your parish/region is using the Lent/Easter season, to inform your parishioners and give them concrete ways to invite back to church the inactive Catholics they know.
- 3) Plan the details of what will occur at church the weekend of December 4 or March 12.
- 4) Begin long range discussion of a possible series of follow-up sessions sometime after Christmas or after Easter to give inactive Catholics an opportunity to explore their concerns, questions and hurts in a safe, welcoming setting. Also consider doing this with neighboring parishes or as a region.

Contact: Pete Ries at 517-342-2486 or pries@dioceseoflansing.org.

REMARRIAGE SEMINAR

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

- required for all engaged couples where at least one member was previously married. Call: 517-342-2555 for schedule and registration.

WE CARE

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

- communication skill class required for all engaged couples. Call: Catholic Social Service Agency in each region for schedule and registration.

ALL OTHER PROGRAMS

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

- Call: Diocese Office of Family Life Ministry at 517-342-2471 or 517-342-2555 for additional information.

RETROUVAILLE

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

- for the healing of marriages that are struggling, even for those who are separated and divorced. Call: Retreat Center at 517-669-6631.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

MICHAEL ANDREWS NAMED DIRECTOR OF CATECHESIS

Goal 2, Strategy C: Assign personnel who will be responsible for promoting the mission of evangelization.

Michael Andrews has been named Diocesan Director of the Office of Catechesis. In this capacity he will be the primary reference point for the organization of catechetical pastoral care and will assume responsibility for directing and moderating the catechetical activities of the diocese. He succeeds Peter Ries, who has held the post since 1988 and now is Diocesan Director of Evangelization.

In announcing the appointment, Sister Dorita Wotiska, OP, PhD, chair of the Department of Education and Catechesis said, "We are pleased and honored to have Michael with us. He brings with him many gifts and a visible love of the Church."

Andrews, noting that the aim of catechesis is to share the teachings of Christ to introduce people into a vibrant relationship with God, said he especially looks forward to helping advance the religious and moral education of young people. "There is a great need for each and every generation to know the faith, to live it and proclaim the Gospel message in every place where otherwise it would go unheard," he said. "This is especially critical in our society in which many competing forces vie for time and attention." In his oversight role in religious education, Andrews also said he is "looking forward to working with so many outstanding catechetical leaders and to be available to them to provide encouragement and perspective on the catechist's vocation at the service of the Church."

A native of Midland, Michael Andrews holds a bachelors degree in philosophy from Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia and a masters degree in systematic theology from Mount Saint Mary's University, Maryland. He recently served as Director of Adult Education and Evangelization at Saint Joseph Church, Saint Johns and as Lansing region representative on the Diocesan Pastoral Council. He is a member of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, the National Catholic Bioethics Center and the North American Patristics Society.

The Office of Catechesis is dedicated to advancing the Church's teaching mission in the Diocese of Lansing by promoting excellence in catechetical leaders, the formation of catechists and in catechetical programs to provide ongoing, lifelong faith formation for adults, teens and children.



REGIONAL NETWORKS

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. If you would like contact information for your region call: [Pat Rinker](mailto:Pat.Rinker@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2485.



CATECHIST FORMATION IDEA BOX

Goal 3.2: Offer quality religious education programs which engage children, youth, parents and families.

- 1) CYMs, DREs, Principals -- have a conversation with your catechists who have attained advanced certification to help them plan how they will maintain their certification by taking 5 clock hours of catechist formation enrichment this year. Refer to pages 391-395 of the Diocesan Catechist Formation Handbook for multiple approaches to enrichment. There are many diocesan, regional, and parish possibilities for doing this.
- 2) Remember those new catechists you recruited during the past few months? They are presenting their first lessons during these weeks. You might consider offering to plan with them on a weekly basis for a few weeks or at least give them a phone call after their first couple of classes to see how things are going. This can be a good morale booster.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2005

10/20	9:00am - 4:00pm Rachel's Vineyard Clinical Training Day - Diocesan Center	11/6	3:00pm Confirmation - Our Lady of Fatima, Michigan Center
10/21-23	TEC Retreat - Camp Algonquin	11/8	3:00pm - 5:00pm Disability Ministry Advisory Board Meeting, Diocesan Center
10/22	1:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph, Howell	11/9	10:00am - 3:00pm Diocesan Worship Commission - Diocesan Center
10/23	World Youth Day CI & M Home and Foreign Missions - TBA 11:00am - 4:00pm Family Day for Persons w/ disAbilities & Deaf/HH Community, St. Mary Cathedral Hall	11/11-13	Refresh Retreat for Young Adult Singles - TBA
10/24	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph, Gaines	11/12	4:30pm Confirmation - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
10/25	Lay Ministers Convocation - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 12:00pm - 3:00pm Family Life Advisory Board Meeting - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - Immaculate Conception, Milan	11/13	10:00am - 9:00pm Diocesan High School Jamboree - Lansing Center, Lansing
10/26-30	NCYC - Atlanta, GA 9:30am - 12:30pm DRE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Jude, DeWitt	11/15	9:30am - 9:30am Evangelization Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
10/27	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mark, Goodrich	11/16	7:00pm - 9:00pm Parish Advocates with Persons with disAbilities, St. Mary, Chelsea
10/30	3:00pm Confirmation - Holy Family, Grand Blanc	11/17	6:15pm Diocesan Board of Education and Catechesis - Diocesan Center
11/1	All Saints (Solemnity) 9:30am - 1:00pm CYM Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center	11/19	10:30am Ordination to Transitional Diaconate - St. Mary Cathedral
11/2	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls) 9:30am - 12:30pm CAFE (Catholic Formation and Education) Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 12:00pm - 3:00pm Diocesan Christian Initiation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center	11/20	CCHD National Collection in Parishes 3:00pm Confirmation - St. Gerard, Lansing
11/3	10:00am - 2:30pm DRE Orientation Follow-Up - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn	11/24	Thanksgiving Central Services Closed for Thanksgiving
11/5	8:30am Lay Ecclesial Ministers Breakfast - St. Mary Cathedral Hall, Lansing 10:00am Catholic Committee on Scouting - St. Joseph, Howell 10:30am Lay Ecclesial Ministers Commissioning - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing	11/25	Central Services Closed for Thanksgiving
		11/27	First Sunday of Advent - Year B
		11/28	6:30pm Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center
		11/29	8:00am Family Life Advisory Board Subcommittee Meetings - Diocesan Center
		12/3	Diocesan Youth Encuentro - TBA
		12/4	Second Sunday of Advent
		12/8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - USA
		12/9	Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Mary Cathedral, Diocese of Lansing
		12/10	10:00am Catholic Committee on Scouting - St. Joseph, Howell 10:00am - 1:00pm Youth Events and DYAC - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton

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