

I have a strong desire to develop an effective communication network between the parishes and the Diocese of Lansing.

I look forward to working with you in successfully reaching our 2007 Diocesan Services Appeal Goal as well as implementing future fund development programs and initiatives throughout the Diocese.

I welcome the opportunity to talk with you and can be reached by contacting: 517-342-2503 or pohearn@DioceseofLansing.org.

BIANNUAL LOSS PREVENTION INSPECTIONS

February is a good month to perform the required biannual loss prevention inspections of church buildings and for schools, the AHERA required inspection for asbestos.

Diocesan entities requiring Loss Prevention forms or the Asbestos Inspection forms may call: [Paul Garriepy](mailto:Paul.Garriepy) at 517-342-2534.

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CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Even though you are probably still working on your 2006 income tax returns, it is not too early to begin your tax planning for 2007. A provision in the Pension Protection Act of 2006 will affect charitable donations for those who itemize their deductions. All monetary contributions must be supported by documentation. This documentation may be a receipt from your parish or a cancelled check. Any record must include the parish's name, the amount of the contribution and the date of payment. Documentation is now being required for any donation people wish to claim, regardless of the amount.

This change affects tax years beginning after August 17, 2006, however, most individual tax payers operate on the calendar year, so this change will be in effect on January 1, 2007. These changes are also explained on the 2006 instructions for schedules A and B from the IRS. Parishes may want to place this information in their Sunday Bulletin.

NEW DSA DIRECTOR/PLANNED GIVING COORDINATOR

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Patricia O'Hearn, Director of Development for the Catholic Diocese of Lansing. I come to the Diocese with a strong background in fund development, marketing and public relations. I began my fund development/marketing career working for the Sisters of Mercy as the Director of Development and Marketing for St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing. I strengthened my fund development experience while employed as a Director of Development with Michigan State University and most recently, with the Ingham Regional Healthcare Foundation of Ingham Regional Medical Center.

I am excited to now have the opportunity to work for the Catholic Diocese of Lansing. It is most important to me to establish a solid working relationship with each of the parishes in the Diocese and gain an understanding of the uniqueness of each parish.

RESOURCE FOR UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

“Stand Up Girl - Take Charge of Your Unexpected Pregnancy” is a very readable, highly informative book written to take the crisis out of an unplanned pregnancy. Many testimonies of young women explore the various positive options available. Fetal development and abortion methods is explained, including the negative effects of abortion. Cost: \$5.00. Contact: Linda at 517-342-2465 or lkolanowski@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC STUDENT LEGISLATIVE DAY

All high school juniors or homeschoolers from ages 16-18 are invited to attend Catholic Student Legislative Day on March 6, 2007 at the Diocesan Center, Lansing. Joe Cella (Director of Fidelis) and his wife, Kristin (former policy analyst for life issues for Michigan Catholic Conference) will be speaking on the responsibilities of Catholics in the public arena. Activities will examine various encyclicals and their relationship to political life as well as a visit to the Capitol. Continental breakfast and a pizza lunch will be included for \$10.00. Contact: Linda at 517-342-2465 or lkolanowski@dioceseoflansing.org.

DR. SCOTT HAHN CONFERENCE

The Dr. Scott Hahn Conference will be accessible for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals. Sign language interpreters and assistive listening equipment will be available at this Conference to be held on February 24, 2007 at [St. Mary Parish, Westphalia](#). To assure appropriate seating and equipment for Deaf/HH individuals who need an interpreter or assistive listening equipment, contact: Rose Smith at 989-587-6950 or smithroj@cablespeed.com; or when pre-registering. We cannot promise accommodations unless we receive the request by February 22.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



CRISTO REY HEALTH CLINIC

On Monday, January 8, 2007, Cristo Rey Community Center Health Clinic moved to 2208 East Michigan Avenue on a temporary basis for four to five months. This move is a result of a fire in the Cristo Rey Clinic on Thursday, December 7, 2006. The clinic at 1717 N. High Street is being gutted and rebuilt because of extensive fire and smoke damage. The Michigan Arson Prevention Committee is offering a \$5,000 reward for information that will lead to the arrest and/or conviction of the person or persons who started this fire. Individuals who may need transportation to the new temporary clinic can make an arrangement from the Center to the Clinic by calling: 517-372-4700 or 517-371-1700.

CCHD LOCAL GRANTS

Applications for the 2007 CCHD Local Grants are available. Contact: Vince Gale at 517-342-2470 or vgale@dioceseoflansing.org if you are interested.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The annual Catholic Relief Services Collection is March 17-18, 2007. If you need materials, call: [Vince Gale](#) at 517-342-2470.

PROJECT RACHEL

The next Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat will be February 16-18, 2007. For information or to register, call: Beth at 734-878-2217. This retreat is for anyone struggling from the effects of abortion.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Call 517-782-4430 for information on the following ministries: (1) **Bishop's Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs** - referrals for substance abuse assistance; (2) **Separated and Divorced** - resources for those grieving from separation or divorce; (3) **BeFriender Ministry**.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The book “*Human Traffic*” by Craig McGill is now available for purchase for anyone interested in learning more about modern day slavery and its prevalence in the United States. The cost is \$9.00. Along with the book, we have a website available to expand the discussion on trafficking beyond your parish and into the diocese. You may register by going to the homepage of the Lansing Diocese website, scrolling down the right-hand side of the page to [News and Information](#), then clicking on “One Diocese, One Book”. To order the book, contact: 517-342-2560 or candrews@dioceseoflansing.org.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SEMINAR

The Diocese of Lansing is sponsoring a **professional training/educational seminar on human trafficking** to be held **Friday, April 20, 2007** at the Lansing Community College Conference Center. Professor Donna Hughes from the University of Rhode Island is the keynote speaker along with experts from the FBI, a survivor of juvenile sexploitation and others. All are invited to attend, particularly those in the fields of law enforcement, public health, social services and prosecution of sex crimes. The day will begin at 8:30am, with a continental breakfast and conclude at 3:00pm. Lunch is included. A registration fee will be charged. Contact: Colleen at candrews@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

LIVINGSTON COUNTY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Each of the Catholic Charities agencies within the Lansing Diocese works closely with the parishes in the respective region and each places a high value on these working relationships. The partnerships will vary from one region to another, though there are a few commonalities.

In every region of the diocese, the parishes partner with the local Catholic Charities agency for marriage preparation. The We CARE communication skills program, a Catholic approach to marital communication, is delivered through the agency upon a referral from the parish. This provides the opportunity for a trained counselor/facilitator to be a part of the preparation process.

Similarly, the agencies facilitate the 50+ Catholic Councils on Aging throughout the diocese. The Councils coordinate regional activities for older adults including annual retreats, the annual Senior Appreciation Mass along with local interests generated by the Council members. For example, in the Livingston Region, the seniors plan an annual picnic and outdoor Mass and they have also begun a Thanksgiving Luncheon in mid-November.

Within each region, the Catholic Charities agency will also work in partnership with the parishes in a manner that may be fully unique to the respective agency and region. At the request of several of the local parishes, an employee of Livingston County Catholic Social Services serves as a co-facilitator with two local parish staff members to provide a support/education group for persons struggling with the after-effects of divorce. This partnership provides the faith-based component from the parishes and the agency contributes a master's level clinician.

Within each region, the opportunities are plentiful for the parishes and the Catholic Charities agency to partner. This can be driven by local needs and the professional expertise within the local agency. Call: Livingston County CSS or the agency in your region.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The Diocese of Lansing has over twenty-five prisons, jails and juvenile facilities within its boundaries. Over 51,000 persons are incarcerated in Michigan and, in an average year, approximately one thousand are paroled to cities within the diocese. The cost to house, feed, guard and care for the inmates is staggering. The total cost to taxpayers in Michigan is \$1.9 billion dollars annually, one fifth of the state budget. Michigan is in the top five states in the nation for rates of incarceration. Prisoners in Michigan no longer earn "good time" and must serve the minimum sentence given, at least. We spend an awful lot of time and money to keep ourselves free of the scourge of crime. Still, many would say that our streets are not safe. Why is this so? Certainly, we can look to our original parents for the answer. Sin has been a part of us forever and will remain so. But, as Christians, we believe there is redemption through the love of Christ. That love, shared with each other, can work miracles. We know that life is for eternity. How we spend eternity will be determined by how we respond to Christ's message to love one another. If you have a desire to share God's love with those in prison, call: [Tim Metts](mailto:Tim.Metts@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2495.

VICTORIOUS MISSIONARIES

Flint Area Chapter - Please join us for a spiritual, uplifting movement for and with persons with disAbilities and the chronically ill. The Days of Renewal Retreat will be held on March 17, 2007. Call: Jean Haines, coordinator at 810-732-1068.

CCMI MEETINGS

Christians Concerned about Mental Illness (CCMI) monthly meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month from 12:00 - 1:00pm. If you are unable to attend our meetings, we have a monthly newsletter. Contact: 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org. Mark your calendar for **CCMI 3rd Annual Day Retreat** at St. Francis Retreat Center on **Wednesday, June 6, 2007**.



DISABILITIES RETREAT DAY

The Caregiver & Persons with disAbilities Retreat Day will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at St. John the Baptist Parish, Ypsilanti beginning at 2:00pm and ending with 5:00pm Mass at St. John's Church. Reservations are required for this event. Contact: Ministry with Persons with disAbilities at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org.

2007 THEME: FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

January/February - Faithfulness

News/Event Deadline: 11-15-06

Magazine in mail: 12-20-06

March - Self-Control

News/Event Deadline: 01-10-07

Magazine in mail: 02-07-07

April - Joy

News/Event Deadline: 02-14-07

Magazine in mail: 03-14-07

May - Modesty & Chastity

News/Event Deadline: 03-14-07

Magazine in mail: 04-11-07

June - Generosity

News/Event Deadline: 04-18-07

Magazine in mail: 05-16-07

July/August - Charity

News/Event Deadline: 05-16-07

Magazine in mail: 06-13-07

September - Goodness (Teen)

News/Event Deadline: 07-18-07

Magazine in mail: 08-15-07

October - Kindness & Gentleness

News/Event Deadline: 08-15-07

Magazine in mail: 09-12-07

November - Patience

News/Event Deadline: 09-19-07

Magazine in mail: 10-10-07

December - Peace

News/Event Deadline: 10-17-07

Magazine in mail: 11-14-07

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PASTORAL PLANNING

SHARING THE WEALTH. . .

THE ROSARY GARDEN

The Pastoral Planning Office has seen a wealth of good ideas come to life as the work of pastoral planning goes on in our parishes. Since March, we have been featuring one of these ideas each month via the "[Sharing the Wealth...](#)" link on the diocesan webpage. We have fleshed-out each idea in an article that tells you everything you need to know, including contacts who will help you get started. As we add one each month, it's becoming an impressive array of success stories. There are 12 articles there now. Probably, there is one or more there that your parish can adopt and adapt.

This month we highlight the **Rosary Garden** at St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn. This article was first published in *The Catholic Times*, October 20, 2006. The reprinted article reviews how the Rosary Garden project was developed by the catechists searching for a creative way to teach the rosary to their students. It soon turned into a project that the entire parish has been able to enjoy. We are grateful to *The Catholic Times* for permission to reprint the article. Check it out at the "[Sharing the Wealth...](#)" link on our website.



FAITH MAGAZINE

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU

Your Name: _____

Parish/Office: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Do you know someone who has a great faith story for FAITH? Give us the who, what, when and why:

- 1) Things-to-do page in FAITH
 - 2) Back-cover message for your parishioners only
- Send your list to Jillane Job today: 517-342-2537

FORMATION

2007 CALENDAR

February 15 or 16

Ongoing Formation Event with Father Anthony Krisak is at St. Mary, Pinckney. Theme: *From Maintenance to Mission: Evangelization and the Revitalization of the Parish.* A shortened form of the presentation will be Thursday, February 15, 5:30 - 9:00pm, beginning with a light supper. The entire presentation will be Friday, February 16, 10:00am - 3:00pm. This is a rescheduling of the event originally planned for last May but cancelled due to the illness of Father Rivers. This event is offered for Parish Leaders, Priests, Deacons and Lay Ecclesial Ministers and is being cosponsored by the Formation Department and Diocesan Evangelization Office. Registration brochures have been mailed. Registration cost is \$25.00 for either date, including the meal. Also, the book, "*From Maintenance to Mission: Evangelization and the Revitalization of the Parish*" for **\$22.95 can be picked up at the event OR sent to you after receipt of registration and payment.** To have the book sent, add \$4.05 for postage and handling. For more information, please contact: Fr. Jerry Vincke at 517-342-2507, jvincke@dioceseoflansing.org or Pete Ries at 517-342-2486, pries@dioceseoflansing.org.

March 1

Priests' Lenten Day of Reflection with Bishop

Presenter: Msgr. Robert Lunsford
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Time: 10:00am - 3:30pm

Cost: \$20.00

(Senior priests do not pay the fee but must register by mail or phone: 517-342-2510.

March 29

Diocesan Staff Lenten Day of Reflection

Presenter: Father Karl Pung
Bethany House, DeWitt

April 30 - May 4

Priests' Annual Retreat

Presenter: Father Thomas E. Dubay, S.M.
Bethany House, DeWitt

May 19

Permanent Deacon Ordination

(Change of Site)

St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing

10:00am reception in school gym following Mass

June 9

Priesthood Ordination

St. Mary Cathedral

10:30am

June 28

Senior Priest Appreciation Day

St. Francis Retreat Center

Mass at 10:30am, followed by lunch and social time together

July 26

Mid Summer Priest Day -

DeWitt

August 17

LUGNUTS GAME - family night
for vocations

August 18

Conversations in Ministry

9:00am - 3:30pm

Presenter: Father Timothy
Gallagher on ***Discernment of
Spirits***

St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall

October 4 or 5

Ongoing Formation Event

Presenter: Immaculee Ilibagiza
on Forgiveness, author of, "*Left to
Tell: Discovering God Amidst the
Rwandan Holocaust.*"

Thursday Night, October 4 - St.
Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor

Friday, October 5 - St. Thomas
Aquinas, East Lansing

October 8-11

**29th Annual Presbyteral
Convocation**

McGuire's - Cadillac



RCIA DIRECTORS

Goal 6, Strategy A: Foster education and formation opportunities which promote full and active participation in the liturgy.

Refer to the February, 2007 issue of **Today's Parish Minister** for an article on celebrating the scrutinies and an article on the RCIA in college campus ministry settings.

PASTORS/PASTORAL COORDINATORS AND PARISH LEADERS

Common Strategy 2: Develop an assessment tool based on the seven goals to address parish life.

If your parish has never done the **Parish Catechetical Review**, confer with your DRE and other leaders about beginning it this year.

The Review is an opportunity to give concrete, practical direction to the faith formation aspects of your parish's goals which were derived from doing the **Parish Assessment Tool**, its annual updates and now the **Parish Evaluation Instrument**. It also relates to the concept of having a parish catechetical plan (National Directory for Catechesis, P.,. 255). This will result in a more detailed picture of where your parish wants to go. Call: [Pete Ries](mailto:PetesRies@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2486 or [Michael Andrews](mailto:MichaelAndrews@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2479 to discuss various approaches to recruiting your working committee. Pete or Michael will come to your parish. Workbooks are available for \$3.25.

STATE YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

... is March 31 at St. John's Center, Plymouth. Young adults from the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Diocese of Lansing planned this event. Keynote is Bob Rice. For registration, go to www.genesis-ministries.org/yac2007.htm. Registration is \$30.00 by March 1 and \$40.00 after March 1. Student rate is \$20.00 by March 1 and \$30.00 after March 1.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

CAFÉ



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

A) If you are looking for a way to see what other parishes are doing for adult faith formation, consider **Best Practices in Adult Faith Formation: A National Study**, by David Riley and Jack McBride, National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, 2006, \$7.95 plus shipping, 202-884-9753.

B) From time to time, it is necessary to revisit what we mean by the word "adult". These are the people in our parishes 18-98. Does adult faith formation in your parish reflect a wide range of interests and needs? Does your parish adult faith formation committee include representation from that wide age span? Discuss/plan ways of approaching people on either end of the spectrum of "adults".

ADVERTISING ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

Parish Directors of Adult Faith Formation: you can go to the diocesan webpage at www.dioceseoflansing.org and scroll down the front page to **Continuing Adult Faith Formation Opportunities**. There you will find a long list of parish, regional and diocesan programs which your parishioners can use for their ongoing faith formation. If you want to add your events, email: Pete Ries at pries@dioceseoflansing.org.

With the help of our diocesan webmaster, new information can be up on our website in just a few days. Post the website in your parish bulletin for use by your parishioners. Also, feel free to use some of these programs in your advertising for parishioners.

CERTIFICATION FOR PARISH STAFF PERSONS

Goal 4.3, Strategy B: Continue and/or initiate certification, on-going formation, networking opportunities and ministry support groups for various lay and professional ministries.

All parish catechetical leaders, youth ministry leaders and pastoral ministry leaders are asked to pursue certification through the Diocese of Lansing. Our certification system has been reviewed and approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We are currently completing the process for a second group of people.

If you would like to be part of the third group this summer/fall, **contact one of the following by June 15** for specific information and certification materials: [Michael Andrews](mailto:MichaelAndrews@dioceseoflansing.org), 517-342-2479, [Pat Rinker](mailto:PatRinker@dioceseoflansing.org), 517-342-2485, [Pete Ries](mailto:PetesRies@dioceseoflansing.org), 517-342-2486, [Nancy Joseph](mailto:NancyJoseph@dioceseoflansing.org), 517-342-2512.

This process helps parish staff persons see where he/she stands in relation to standards for diocesan certification and encourages ongoing faith formation of parish staff persons, thereby modeling lifelong learning for others. Certification helps the parish understand the background and experience of its staff persons in terms which are easily understood.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

NATIONAL PASTORAL PLAN FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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



Sections of the pastoral on adult faith formation are being cited for consideration by parish leaders and adult education committees. To order for \$5.95 plus shipping, contact: Margaret Grima at 517-342-2555 or mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org.

A) some theory: Give adult faith formation the best of our pastoral resources and energies. Within the whole scope of catechetical ministry, adult catechesis ‘must be regarded as a preferential option’ in planning and programming. When adult catechesis excels, it can then serve effectively as the point of reference and organizing principle for all catechesis” (P. 25-26).

B) some implication: “Make adult faith formation essential and integral to the pastoral plan of the parish. Effective adult formation ministry connects with and strengthens all the many ministries and activities of the parish – formational, charitable, devotional, social, administrative. This integration of parish life and ministry helps to form the whole community on its lifelong journey of growth in Christian faith and mission” (P. 26).

C) some strategy: At parish budget planning time, discuss adult education first among the many programs of faith formation offered by the parish. When the parish pastoral council does its annual review of parish goals, discuss how ongoing adult faith formation can enhance parish life.

NATIONAL FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE

The National Conference for Catechetical Leadership will meet in Columbus, Ohio, April 22-26, 2007. The theme of the conference is **Engaging This Catechetical Moment**. It will include keynote presentations, major breakout sessions and opportunities for round table learning activities. Religious education, adult faith formation, Christian Initiation and multi-cultural issues are included among the many workshops. At 260 miles from Lansing, it is within driving distance of our diocese. For further information and registration materials, go to www.ncccl.org. If you plan to attend, call: [Pete Ries](tel:517-342-2486) at 517-342-2486 or [Michael Andrews](tel:517-342-2479) at 517-342-2479. They would like to arrange a gathering of folks from the Diocese of Lansing sometime during the conference.

SCOUT CEREMONY LOCATION CHANGE

Due to road construction in downtown Lansing the annual Scout Award Ceremony has been moved to St. Gerard Church. April 22, 2007 and April 20, 2008, the scouts will have their reception at 1:30pm in Weber Hall and the ceremony at 2:30pm in the church. Please alert your scout leaders and parents. Thank you to Fr. John Klein and the people of St. Gerard’s.

YOUTH EVENTS

Goal 7.1, Strategy C: Establish Catholic youth and young adult councils to plan regular inter-parish activities.

Youth Events Planning Committees and the Diocesan Youth Advisory Committee meet Saturday, March 3, 10:00am at St. Mary Church in Chelsea.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Goal 7.1: Engage youth, college students and young adults through ministry and creative programming.

Registration material has been mailed for **Middle School Rally** and **DYLC**. Early registrations are due February 9 at \$20.00. Registrations postmarked after February 9 are \$30.00. All registrations must go through your parish or school youth ministry leader.

MASS AND BRUNCH

...for young adults, 18-38, will be March 18 at IHM Church in Lansing. 11:30am Mass will be followed by a young adult brunch with Bishop Mengeling. Early registrations are due March 2 for \$10.00. Those postmarked after March 2 is \$15.00.

HISPANIC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Diocesan Hispanic Young Adult Ministry Committee will be meeting February 17 at Sacred Heart Chapel at 4:00pm. We are hoping for leaders from Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Cristo Rey and Hispanic young adults from other parishes. We hope to have three events per year hosted by each of the three parishes mentioned. In all these, please pray for our faithfulness. Peace!

WINTER REGIONAL MEETINGS

Three of our four Winter regional young adult leaders meetings are taking place in February. They are:
February 14: St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton, 10:00am - regional meeting of youth ministry and young adult ministry
February 20, St. Joseph, Brooklyn, 9:30am - regional meeting of youth ministry and young adult ministry
February 28, St. Mary, Charlotte, 7:00pm - regional meeting for young adult ministry

DIOCESAN CALENDAR FEBRUARY - MARCH 2007

2/14	9:30am - 3:00pm SI/Blind Retreat Day - Theo. Library 10:00am Livingston / Shiawassee Regional Mtg. of Youth / Young Adult Ministries - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton	3/3	10:00am - 1:00pm Youth Events & DYAC - St. Mary, Chelsea 11:00am Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - Christ the King, Ann Arbor
2/15	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 5:30 - 9:00pm Ongoing Formation/Diocesan Evangelization Conference - St. Mary, Pinckney	3/4	Second Sunday of Lent 3:00pm Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - St. John the Evangelist, Davison
2/16	10:00am - 3:00pm Ongoing Formation/Diocesan Evangelization Conference - St. Mary, Pinckney	3/6	9:30am - 1:00pm CYM Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
2/17	9:00am - 1:00pm Youth Ministry Course - St. Francis, Ann Arbor 4:00pm Diocesan Hispanic Young Adult Ministry Committee - Sacred Heart Chapel, Jackson 4:30pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Chelsea	3/7	9:00am - 3:00pm Principals' Meeting - Diocesan Center 10:00am - 3:00pm Diocesan Worship Committee - Diocesan Center
2/18	2:00pm Confirmation - St. James, Mason	3/8	9:30am - 12:00pm Lansing Region DRE/CYM/Pastoral Ministers Meeting - TBA 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary Queen of Angels, Swartz Creek
2/20	9:00am Hillsdale/Lenawee/Jackson Regional Mtg of Youth/Young Adult Ministries - St. Joseph, Brooklyn	3/9-11	Retrouvaille Weekend - Detroit
2/21	Ash Wednesday	3/9	2:00 - 9:00pm Diocesan Middle School Rally - Lansing Catholic Central High School, Lansing 5:00pm Confirmation - SS. Charles & Helena, Clio
2/22	9:00am - 3:00pm Pastoral Ministers & Administrators Retreat - Bethany House, DeWitt	3/11	Third Sunday of Lent 11:00am Confirmation - St. Mary, Charlotte
2/23-25	Retrouvaille Weekend - Grand Rapids	3/12-16	National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers - Regional VI Annual Mtg. - TBA
2/24	11:00am Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - St. Mary, Brighton 2:00 - 5:00pm Caregiver/disAbility Retreat Day - St. Martha, Okemos 5:00pm Confirmation - Resurrection, Lansing	3/13	9:30am - 12:00pm Jackson & Lenawee/Hillsdale Regions DRE/CYM/Pastoral Ministers Mtg. - TBA 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph, St. Johns
2/25	First Sunday of Lent 3:00pm Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing	3/14-16	MACUL Conference - Detroit, MI
2/27	12:00 - 1:00pm CCMI Meeting - Theological Library 6:30 - 9:00pm Family Life - Newly Married Subcommittee Mtg. - Diocesan Center	3/14	9:30am - 12:00pm Livingston & Washtenaw Regions DRE/CYM Pastoral Ministers Mtg. - TBA
2/28	7:00pm Lansing Regional Mtg. of Young Adult Ministry - St. Mary, Charlotte	3/15	9:00am - 12:00pm Genesee/Owosso Region DRE/CYM/Pastoral Ministers Meeting - TBA 1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 6:15pm Diocesan Board of Education and Catechesis - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Mt. Morris
3/1	10:00am - 3:30pm Priests' Lenten Day of Reflection with Bishop - St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt 1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center		

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