

The hope is that participants will leave the Congress with a renewed appreciation of the sacramental life and foster this goal among their brothers and sisters. This will enable parishes, diocesan groups or organizations to make connections appropriate to their local implementation of the Core Principles.

The ability to make these connections will help to (1) build up our parishes and institutions by continuing to promote coherent understanding of liturgy and life; (2) retain and reclaim parishioners; and (3) strengthen our evangelization efforts of which social justice is an integral part.

Black Catholic Ministry



Diocese of Lansing

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NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS X GOES TO BUFFALO!

The Tenth (X) National Black Catholic Congress will be held July 12 - 15, 2007 in Buffalo, New York. The theme of Congress X is, "*Christ is with us: Celebrating the Gifts of the Sacraments.*" Reports from the diocesan days of reflections are conveying a sense of excitement among the People of God about making connections between the sacramental life and our NBCC Core Principles: Africa, Catholic Education, HIV & AIDS, Parish Life, Racism, Social Justice, Spirituality, Youth and Young Adults.

The vision for Congress X is to help Black Catholics to articulate how the sacraments and the sacramental life - something that is central to our Faith because they are gifts from Christ - are connected to our contribution to the Church and the world through our Core Principles. The Core Principles which were promulgated at Congress IX, is an expression of our proclamation of the Gospel. The celebration of the sacraments and our understanding of the Church as a sacrament, is a constitutive part of the proclamation of the Gospel. If we cannot relate these gifts from Christ to our Core Principles, then we are missing a fundamental element of our Catholic Faith, which undergirds our planning and programming. If we do not continue to appreciate the gifts that we have received from Christ, then we are in danger of taking them for granted. With the work before us, articulated by our Core Principles, we cannot afford to do it.

The NBCC will host a dynamic youth (ages 13-17) and young adult track (ages 18-26) at Congress X. The Congress X registration fee is \$215.00 per person for young adults and adults and \$125.00 for youth. Hotel accommodations range from \$89.00 - \$139.00 per night. Participants are required to pay the Congress X registration fee before making hotel accommodations. Visit the Congress website at:
<http://www.nbccongress.org/black-catholic-news/the-tenth-national-black-congress.asp>.

DID YOU KNOW?

People with mental disorders are our neighbors. They are members of our congregations, members of our families; they are everywhere in this country. If we ignore their cries for help, we will be continuing to participate in the anguish from which those cries for help come. A problem of this magnitude will not go away. Because it will not go away and because of our spiritual commitments, we are compelled to take action. (Rosalyn Carter) www.MentalHealthMinistries.net.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL LIVE WEBCAM

Ministry with Persons with disAbilities offers a virtual webcam of Chapel of Divine Love in Philadelphia, PA - a source of perpetual Eucharistic adoration by the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters for anyone to visit but especially for persons who are homebound and unable to visit a chapel due to their disAbility. You may view this chapel by going to <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/disAbilities/index.html>. The online access available through this site provides new hope for these individuals stemming from the electronic access they can now have to the Living Presence of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

INTRODUCTION TO NFP CLASSES

The *Introduction to Natural Family Planning* classes will be offered across the diocese. You can access available dates and times by going to the diocesan NFP website, www.dioceseoflansing.org/nfp. Look for the link to "God's Plan For Happy Marriages."

Pre-registration is required for all participants. For more information, contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



RESOURCE BOOKS AVAILABLE

Two excellent books for youth groups or any book discussion are available from the Life Justice office. ***Victims and Victors*** is a series of testimonies by women who have been raped and delivered the babies conceived in the rape. The children of rape also speak of their lives and perspectives. Those who did choose to abort describe the regret and trauma they have lived with as a result.

Stand Up Girl, Take Charge of Your Unexpected Pregnancy gives straightforward, honest advice to anyone facing such a pregnancy. The many possible outcomes are described dispassionately and clearly and the disadvantages of abortion are also described. This is a great resource to have available in your church foyer for anyone to take. Both books are \$5.00 each, well below actual retail. Contact: Linda at 517-342-2465 or lkolanowski@dioceseoflansing.org.

HUMAN TRAFFICK

Author Craig McGill gives an overview of the illegal movement and sale of people across international borders. It is composed of testimonies of people who have moved across the border voluntarily, those who accept payment to assist them and those who have been forced into slavery for sex or labor. The Life Justice Office has many copies available for book discussion groups for \$9.00 each. Contact: Colleen at 517-342-2560 or candrews@dioceseoflansing.org.

COURAGE/ENCOURAGE

COURAGE is the Catholic Church's only pontifically approved ministry which is specifically committed to providing spiritual support for persons with same-sex attractions who are striving to live in accordance with the Church's pastoral teaching on homosexuality. ENCOURAGE is the affiliate support group for friends and relatives of men and women with homosexual feelings.

The Diocese of Lansing has three chapters of COURAGE: Lansing, Flint and Ann Arbor. ENCOURAGE is meeting in Ann Arbor and is open to all friends and family in support of the goals of Courage. Please promote Courage and Encourage in your parishes. To contact the Courage office, call: 517-351-3315.

CHRISTIANS CONCERNED ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS RETREAT DAY

Our CCMi 3rd Annual Retreat will be held Wednesday, June 6, 2007 from 9:30am - 3:00pm at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Fr. Tom McDevitt will open our retreat day with a presentation on "The Cup of Our Life". Cost is \$25.00 a person. Reservations are required. Contact: Ministry with Persons with disAbilities at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org for further information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The Diocese of Lansing is very fortunate to have several organizations interested in the aftercare of ex-offenders and those still incarcerated. There are currently active groups in Flint, St. Johns, Mason, Charlotte, Howell, Lansing, Jackson, Ann Arbor and Adrian. People in these groups bring the sacraments and the Gospel to those who are in prison. They also assist others who have been released by helping them locate housing and jobs. They act as mentors and, by their example, lead others to Christ. Mentors and volunteers are needed to continue this work of the Lord.

There is also a very active **Pen Pal Ministry** in our diocese that currently has a critical need for volunteers to write to those who are incarcerated. There are over twenty prisoners who have asked for a Pen Pal with no one to write to them.

A new program focusing on the families and children of those incarcerated is now being formed. If you have interest or input to share, please call: Bob Vogel at 517-342-2499.

If you are willing to share the gift of yourself with one who is in need of a friend, call: [Tim Metts](mailto:Tim.Metts@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2495.

CAPTIONED MASS FOR DEAF/HH

The Deaf/HH community was elated last month when Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) began captioning the daily Mass. Providing captions for programs on television can be costly, especially for live programs which require a real-time reporter. People who do captioning are trained as professional court reporters. EWTN has provided captioning on some of their programming for a number of years.

Their televised Mass is produced live seven days a week at 8:00am, with reruns at 12:00pm, 7:00pm and 12:00am. We applaud EWTN for providing this new access and ask readers to spread the word.

RELIGIOUS ASL WEEK AT DE SALES

Religious ASL Week will be held from Sunday evening, July 22 to Friday, July 27, 2007.

This intensive program is designed for priests, deacons, seminarians, working interpreters and Deaf lectors who read at Sunday liturgies. Participants will learn how to convey religious concepts in American Sign Language for Deaf members of their congregations. Presenters are among the country's best: Msgr. Glenn Nelson, Fr. Michael Depcik, Dcn. Pat Graybill, Dcn. David Sommers and Pam Conine. For further details, contact: Rose Smith at Catholic Deaf/HH Ministry 517-342-2532 or smithroj@cablespeed.com.

FAREWELL, SR. CLAUDIA

Sr. Claudia Burke has retired as Director of Catholic Outreach, Flint, effective April 30, 2007, after serving the poor of Genesee County for the past 30 years.

Under Sister's direction, the agency raised millions of dollars to assist hundreds of thousands of individuals with food, housing, utilities and other essential items. The North End Soup Kitchen and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan were created under Sister's leadership. In the early 1980's, many workers permanently laid-off from General Motors and Hamady Brothers were shown compassion and received help through the Displaced Workers Center that Catholic Outreach helped create, staff and fund. Also, under Sister's leadership, thousands of dollars were raised for Dukette Catholic, Dukette Learning Center, Flint Catholic Urban Ministries, numerous parishes and many other groups who serve the poor.

Sr. Claudia recently celebrated 62 years as a Franciscan Sister of the Poor. The Diocese of Lansing is grateful for Sr. Claudia's dedicated service and wish her continued blessings in the years ahead.

ACTING DIRECTOR APPOINTED

On May 1, 2007, Mr. Gregg Berent was appointed Acting Director of Catholic Outreach. Gregg has worked for Catholic Outreach for many years and will continue to carry on the mission began by Sr. Claudia of helping the poor in Genesee County.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The deadline for the Operation Rice Bowl Grant is June 1, 2007. For further information, call: [Vince Gale](mailto:Vince.Gale@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2470.

June 28

Senior Appreciation Day

It will be held at St. Francis Retreat Center beginning with Mass at 10:30am, followed by lunch and social time together. All priests are invited and encouraged to attend to honor those who have reached senior status. If a senior priest lives near you, make arrangements to bring him with you. Contact: Arlene at 517-342-2510 or awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org, if you plan to attend. There is no fee for this day, but we need to know that you plan to attend so that proper arrangements can be made.

July 26

Mid Summer Priest Day

10:30am - 8:00pm
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

August 17

LUGNUTS GAME

Family night for vocations

August 18

Conversations in Ministry

9:00am - 3:30pm
St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall
Presenter: Fr. Timothy Gallagher on *Discernment of Spirits*.
Registration fee is \$15.00 which includes lunch. Contact: Jane at 517-342-2504 or jsessions@dioceseoflansing.org.

October 4 or 5

Ongoing Formation Event

Immaculee Ilibagiza, author of, *“Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust”*, will share her story on Forgiveness. The same presentation will be offered two times at two different sites. Choose the date/time best for you and bring a friend!

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

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

Contact: Sr. Mary Ann at 517-342-2506 or mfoggin@dioceseoflansing.org.

PASTORAL PLANNING

SHARING THE WEALTH

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 is becoming an impressive array of success stories. There are 15 articles there now. Probably, there is at least one that your parish can adopt and adapt.

This month, we feature the **Prayer Bracelet Workshops** at St. James Parish in Mason. In the past, women gathered together to work on patchwork quilts, share a little gossip and bond as only a community of women can. In a modern day twist, women at St. James are gathering twice a year to create bracelets based on prayer. Check it out at the “[Sharing the Wealth...](#)” link on our website.

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PARISH/SCHOOL EVALUATION INVENTORY PROCESS?

The majority of our parishes have submitted the final Parish/School Evaluation Inventory and our regional review committees are about to begin or already have begun. This review process is one of discernment toward the common good. Livingston and Washtenaw Regions began this part of the process some weeks ago, Genesee - Shiawassee and Lansing will begin in May. Dates for Jackson and Lenawee to begin will be determined. The outcome of the regional review process will be a set of recommendations:

- ◇ which the parish/school has made for themselves
- ◇ which the regional review committee will suggest to the individual parish/school
- ◇ which will provide a structure for the region ensuring that the sacramental, pastoral and leadership needs of all the people will be met

This part of the process is scheduled to be completed by September, 2007. After that time, parish assemblies will take place so **ALL** people will have the opportunity to be informed about the future of their parish.



FORMATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 5 and 6

Formation Boards for Diaconate Aspirancy

Diocesan Center
5:00 - 9:30pm both days

June 9

Priesthood Ordination of John Linden

St. Mary Cathedral
10:30am

Please join us in celebrating this special day. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Parish Hall.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

CAFÉ



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

This might be a good time of year to consider recruiting or enhancing the membership of your parish adult faith formation committee. Try to include young adults and seniors. Include someone from evangelization, RCIA, marriage preparation and baptismal preparation. Schedule a couple of organizational gatherings in a relaxed summer setting. Purchase copies of *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us* as initial discussion materials to begin building a common vision and purpose. Call: [Pete Ries](mailto:Pete.Ries) at 517-342-2486 to discuss approaches to building/enhancing your committee and to schedule in-parish formation for your committee.

2006 - 2007 ANNUAL DATA GATHERING ON FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS, TEENS AND CHILDREN

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

All diocesan data gathering instruments are being sent to parishes in one common packet in mid-May. Deadline for return of these materials, including the 2006 - 2007 Annual Data Gathering on Faith Formation for Adults, Teens and Children, is **July 31**. For those of you not at your parish in July, fill out the form and ask your parish secretary to return it with the other parish data gathering instruments by July 31. For any questions about faith formation, contact: Margaret Grima at 517-342-2555 or mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org. Again, this year you have the ability to send your information **electronically**.

THANKS AND FAREWELL

The following are leaving their current places of ministry. Some are moving on to new parishes, others are beginning different endeavors. Best wishes and thanks for all you have done in service to God's people.

- Theresa Bolster, CYM, St. Joseph, Howell
- Linda Brown, Principal, Holy Cross, Lansing
- Margo Brown, DRE, St. Peter, Eaton Rapids
- Dcn. Jim Corder, CYM and Business Manager, Holy Redeemer, Burton
- Stephen Coryell, Principal, Jackson Catholic Middle School, Lansing
- Suzanne Cowdrey, Principal, St. Mary, Pinckney
- Mary Ann Helie, Director of Adult Faith Formation and Pastoral Associate, St. Patrick, Brighton
- Angela Leafi, CYM, St. Mary, Flint
- Douglas Mumby, Principal, St. Therese, Lansing
- Janice Penchoff, DRE, Our Lady of Fatima, Michigan Center
- Pattie Scherer, RCIA Director, St. Joseph, Dexter
- Monica Scholtes, CYM, St. Mary, Westphalia
- Anthony Shaughnessy, DRE and RCIA Director, Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson

DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL DAY 2007: "ENCOUNTERING THE LIVING CHRIST"

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

The Diocese of Lansing is pleased to announce plans for Catechetical Day 2007. This is an important day for religious educators, youth ministers, Catholic school personnel, adult formation, diocesan staff and clergy. The theme of the day is "Encountering the Living Christ."

The day will feature exhibitors, formation workshops, idea sharing and faith-building opportunities.

Choose a date and location:

- Catechetical Day (West) Saturday, October 20 - Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing.

- Catechetical Day (East) Sunday, October 21 - Fr. Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor.

The registration fee is \$39 per person with a 10% discount for ten or more from the same parish or school. After the registration deadline of October 4, the registration fee is \$49.

NEW PARISH STAFF

Goal 4: Nurture ministers and leaders in the life of the Spirit and the vision of the church to use their gifts to serve the needs of all.

Orientation for new Pastors, Priests new to ministry in the diocese, Deacons, Principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Evangelization, RCIA Directors, Directors of Adult Faith Formation and Pastoral Ministers is at the Diocesan Center, Wednesday, August 8, 9:00am - 3:00pm. Call: Department of Education and Catechesis or the Department of Formation so we may also extend an invitation.

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

This year's picnic is being co-planned by our Diocesan Young Adult Advisory Committee and Generation Christ from St. Thomas in Ann Arbor. The picnic will begin with 12:30pm Mass at St. Thomas and move to the park for cookout and games. The picnic will close with a concert in the park with Mission. Brats, hotdogs and potato salad are provided. Bring a dish to share. For information and ability to RSVP, please go to our website at <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youngadult/index.html>.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REVIEWS**

Goal 3.2, Strategy B: Ensure that all program directors, catechists and pastoral workers in the religious education program are faithful witnesses to Christ and the teachings of the Church.

Principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Evangelization, RCIA Directors and Directors of Adult Faith Formation: send in your 2006 - 2007 Administrative Reviews by June 30, 2007. 2007 - 2008 contracts should be in by September 1, 2007.

**CRIMINAL RECORD
CHECK**

Common Strategy 3: Assist every parish to develop a plan to improve communication.

All new employees must have a verified criminal background check before a contract can be signed. Call: [Sally Ellis](mailto:SallyEllis@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2551.



EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

ANNUAL REPORT OF CATECHIST FORMATION 2006 - 2007

Goal 3.2, Strategy B: Ensure that all program directors, catechists and pastoral workers in the religious education program are faithful witnesses to Christ and the teachings of the Church.

The Annual Report of Catechist Formation 2006 - 2007 is now available online. Principals and DREs in each parish and institution in the diocese are required to fill out the form and send it to the Diocesan Office of Catechesis by the **deadline of Thursday, May 31**. This interactive form is available at: http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/catechesis_k12/annualreport_catechesis.pdf.

Please direct any questions or requests for a printed form to: Michael Andrews at 517-342-2479 or mandrews@dioceseoflansing.org.

MINISTRY NEWS IN YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Goal 7.4: Nurture and develop the leadership potential of youth & young adults.

DYLC: There may still be room. If you have not signed up your high school leadership youth for our Diocesan Leadership Camp, but wish to, please call: 517-342-2485. Application material is on our diocesan website, <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youthministry/index.html>. They must have graduated from 9th grade and not be older than a person entering 12th grade. The camp is June 17 - 22.

Basic Training Overnight: Registration material was emailed in the April mailing. The training is for volunteer adults and youth having completed ninth grade. It is a wonderful opportunity for your core leadership team to receive training together and prepare for the coming year. The event is July 12 & 13. If you did not receive registration material, please contact: the Youth Ministry Office at 517-342-2484. For in depth youth leadership formation, I highly recommend DYLC first.

<http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youthministry/index.html>

Nuts and Bolts Conference, for adults ministering with youth and young adults, including young adult leaders, is August 17 - 19 at The Weber Inn, Ann Arbor. The theme of this year's conference is, "*The Gospel for Youth & young Adults*". Two national speakers will join us. Terri Telepak from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, will present our keynote plus a workshop track unfolding the *National Study on Youth & Religion Catholic Report*. This in-depth interview process tells us much on where are young people are at and what helps in their formation. Ken Johnson-Mondragon will unfold the Hispanic report in a Spanish speaking track.

There will also be tracks for basic training in both youth & young adult ministry. For information, contact: 517-342-2484 or go online for registration material, <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youthministry/index.html>.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

PARISH CATECHETICAL REVIEW

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

The Review is an opportunity to give some 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. 266*). This will result in a more detailed picture of where your parish wants to go in developing its faith formation programs for adults, teens and children over the next 5 - 7 years. Workbooks are available. If your parish is ready to begin or repeat this process, call: [Pete Ries](mailto:Pete.Ries@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2486 or [Michael Andrews](mailto:Michael.Andrews@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2479.

NATIONAL PASTORAL PLAN FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION



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

A) Some theory: "Given the broad scope of content, the diverse range of adult interests and responsibilities and the availability of learning resources, no single approach can meet everyone's needs. Consequently, a **comprehensive, multifaceted and coordinated approach** to adult faith formation is necessary. Parish leaders need to provide a **variety** of learning activities and resources to meet the diverse needs of parishioners. Inter-parish cooperation is a developing and important dynamic that can increase learning opportunities for parishioners, especially (but not only) for smaller parishes" (P. 34).

B) Some Implication: "The following five approaches can be used in some way in any Catholic community and are to be adapted as appropriate to parish size and need. 1) Liturgy 2) Family or Home-Centered Activities 3) Small Groups 4) Large Groups 5) Individual Activities" (P. 34-37).

C) Some Strategy: "In fact, every aspect and event in parish life can be intentionally fashioned as an occasion for adult faith formation. For example, every parish meeting can begin with a reading of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, followed by a time of reflection and faith sharing" (P. 38).

DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTER

A large collection of faith formation materials for adults, teens and children are on display for your review. Hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm. Evening or weekend hours can be arranged by contacting: Pete Ries at 517-342-2486 or pries@dioceseoflansing.org. Program leaders, catechists and committee members are welcome to review this large collection of program resources.

BISHOP'S HEALTH UPDATE

On Thursday, April 26, 2007, Bishop Mengeling was admitted to the hospital in Lansing for exploratory bladder surgery. His doctor discovered a tumor inside the bladder and took a sample for analysis. Learning that the tumor was cancerous, the doctor removed Bishop Mengeling's bladder on Tuesday, May 1. At the same time, tissue samples and lymph nodes were taken for further analysis. The lab report indicated that the cancer was completely contained in the bladder and there were no cancerous cells in the other tissues or lymph nodes. No further cancer treatments were ordered.



On Tuesday, May 8, 2007, Bishop Mengeling was released from the Hospital. He expresses his deep gratitude to the entire Diocese -- priests, pastoral coordinators, the religious, parishes and faithful, school staffs and students, members of ecclesial movements, institutions within the diocese and especially the young people, for their concern and prayerful solidarity during his stay in the hospital and recuperation.

He will remember with gratitude the kindnesses expressed to him in the celebration of the Eucharist and daily prayers.



DIOCESAN CALENDAR MAY - AUGUST 2007

5/14	6:30 - 9:30pm Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center	6/10	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph, Adrian	6/13	9:30am - 3:00pm CCMI Retreat Day - St. Francis Retreat Cntr., DeWitt
5/15-17	SI/Blind DeWitt Retreat - St. Francis Retreat Cntr., DeWitt		10:00am - 1:00pm DYAC Planning - Diocesan Center
	7:00pm Confirmation - Holy Rosary, Flint	6/14	2:00pm Bishop Mengeling's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood - St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, East Lansing
5/16	9:30am - 12:00pm DRE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center		
	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Patrick, Brighton	6/15	Ministry Certification Deadline for Fall 2007 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
5/17	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton		
	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Manchester	6/17-22	Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp - Bethany House, DeWitt
5/19	9:00am - 1:00pm Youth Ministry Course - St. Francis, Ann Arbor	6/17-30	National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers Annual Meeting & Smart Marriage Conference - TBA
	10:00am Permanent Deacon Ordination - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing	6/21	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
5/20	Ascension (in the dioceses of MI and OH)	6/24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
	2:00pm Confirmation - St. John, Davison	6/25	10:00am - 1:00pm DYAC Planning - Diocesan Center
5/21	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing	6/27	Diocesan Cedar Point Day - Sandusky, OH
5/22	12:00 - 1:00pm CCMI Meeting - Diocesan Center	6/28	10:30am Senior Priest Appreciation Day - SFRC, DeWitt
	6:30 - 9:30pm Family Life - Newly Married Subcommittee Mtg. - Diocesan Center	7/4	Central Service Offices Closed Independence Day
	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Peter, Eaton Rapids	7/9-13	National Pastoral Musicians Conference - Indianapolis, IN
5/23	7:00pm Confirmation ~ St. John the Baptist, Holy Trinity, St. Joseph & Transfiguration - Holy Trinity, Ypsilanti	7/12-13	Basic Youth Ministry Training - Bethany House, DeWitt
		7/13-15	Retrouvaille Weekend - Detroit
5/27	Pentecost	7/15	12:30pm - 7:00pm Young Adult Picnic - St. Thomas, Ann Arbor
5/28	Memorial Day Diocesan Central Services Closed	7/24	5:00 - 8:00pm Family Life Advisory Committee Mtg - Diocesan Center
5/29	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Pinckney	7/26	10:30am - 8:00pm Mid Summer Priest Day - SFRC, DeWitt
5/30	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Andrew, Saline		
5/31	The Visitation of the BVM	7/30-8/2	Curriculum Institute for Religion - SFRC, DeWitt
6/3	The Most Holy Trinity 3:00pm Confirmation - Holy Spirit, Hamburg	7/31-8/3	National Symposium on Lay Ecclesial Ministry - Colledgeville, MN
6/5	7:00pm Confirmation - Christ the King, Ann Arbor	8/3-5	Retrouvaille Weekend - Grand Rapids
6/7	1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center	8/6	The Transfiguration of the Lord
6/9	10:30am Presbyteral Ordination - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing	8/7	9:00am - 12:00pm Orientation for New Catholic School Teachers - Diocesan Center 1:00 - 3:00pm Virtus Training - Diocesan Center

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