

displayed in the church or in the home. The wreath, originally a cart's wheel, is a circle depicting eternal life; the greens recall life and growth. Three purple candles and one rose-colored candle (lit the third week), represent the ages in which humanity waited in darkness until the arrival of the Savior. When Christmas does arrive, the wreath may be decorated in a more festive manner and integrated into the overall Christmas environment.

With the careful celebration of our Advent liturgies, with prayer and penance, with acts of charity and with a sense of wonder and expectation, we will make our Christmas celebrations all the more joyful!

Mark your calendars now for the eleventh annual

Liturgy and Music Conference

Saturday, February 2, 2008

featuring the very popular presenter and preacher,

Father J-Glenn Murray, SJ

hosted by St. John the Evangelist Parish, Fenton

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ADVENT'S ANTICIPATION

Already in the malls, we are confronted with Christmas decor and reminders of the number of "shopping days" until Santa arrives. But for Christians, the weeks leading to December 25th must have a decidedly different focus.

"Advent has a two-fold character— as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the heart and mind to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent thus is a period of devout and joyful expectation" (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, 39).

Like the preceding weeks, when the Church focuses on the eschaton, from the First Sunday of Advent though December 16, our prayers and readings teach us to consciously await Christ's second Coming at the end of time. Then from December 17 - 24, our texts prepare us to celebrate Christ's first coming, his birth at Bethlehem. Guided by the words of John the Baptist, we reform our lives. With Mary and Joseph, we await Jesus' birth.

The season should maintain a distinctive tone from Christmas. We omit Christmas music and decor. The secular world will exhaust its Christmas spirit by December 25, but we keep an anticipatory tone to joyfully celebrate the entire Christmas season through the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday, January 13).

Perhaps our decor might include a "Jesse Tree," which shows the relationship of Jesus to other biblical persons in Salvation History. Symbols may include an apple or serpent (Adam and Eve), an ark (Noah), a whale (Jonah), a bundle of wood (Abraham and Isaac), a ladder (Jacob), a tunic (Joseph), stone tablets (Moses), a six-pointed star (David), etc. Other symbols draw upon the "O Antiphons" which are part of our liturgies December 17-24: a lamb, burning bush, flower, key, sun, crown, chalice, or candle. (For a complete list, visit www.dioceseoflansing.org/worship.)

Although the Advent Wreath is not part of the official Sunday liturgies of the Church, it does enjoy the status of a venerable custom. It may be

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

As we begin looking forward to the new year, it is important to look to new opportunities to serve God's flock. The Office of Restorative Justice is no exception to this. We are currently involved in starting two new programs which serve prisoners and their families. The first is a program which recognizes that a person incarcerated frequently has left a family at home which needs assistance. It is estimated that 50 per cent of prisoners have children under the age of 18 and studies indicate that 70 percent of children who have a parent incarcerated will one day end up in prison. A spouse frequently needs assistance that is not provided by other agencies, such as transportation to visit the loved one in prison or baby sitting while the parent grocery shops. Often it may be just someone to talk to who will listen to cares and worries and not be judgmental. Another effort that we have begun with the Office of Evangelization recognizes that there are many people in prison who have a hunger for the faith. We are currently exploring ways to bring RCIA to those within the prison walls who are seeking as well as those who desire to grow in their faith. If you are interested in these programs or want to offer your ideas, please call: [Tim Metts](mailto:Tim.Metts) in the Office of Restorative Justice at 517-342-2495.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

In an age of increasing ethnic, educational and socio-economic diversity, how do we speak to and invite true cultural diversity into our parishes and schools? This workshop and others can be tailored to fit your specific parish or school setting. To schedule a workshop to address and discuss such specific issues, please contact: Ron Landfair at 517-342-2496 or rlandfair@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



NFP CLASSES

The *Introduction to Natural Family Planning* classes will be offered as follows:

- Sunday, November 11, 2:00 - 4:00pm, St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI
 - Tuesday, November 27, 7:30 - 9:00pm, St. Joseph, Howell, MI
 - Saturday, January 12, 2008, 9:00 - 11:00am, St. Robert, Flushing MI
 - Saturday, January 26, 2008, 10:30am - 12:00pm, St. Patrick, Brighton, MI
 - Monday, January 28, 2008, 7:00 - 9:00pm, St. Martha, Okemos, MI
- Pre-registration is required for all participants. For more information, contact: 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org. Our 2008 brochures will be mailed to the parishes this month.

In the Diocese of Lansing, the following methods of Natural Family Planning are taught:

- Billings Ovulation Method (all our Ovulation Classes will be \$20.00 per couple)
*** November 8th, Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson from 7:00 - 9:00pm
- Family of Americas Ovulation Method (classes are \$20.00 per couple)
*** January 12th, Holy Family Church, Grand Blanc, from 10:00am - 12:00pm
- *** January 19th, Diocese of Lansing, from 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Sympto-Thermal Method as taught by Couple to Couple League (CCL)
- Creighton Model (available at the Caritas Center for Women's Health in Ann Arbor)

For more information about Natural Family Planning or to schedule a class, contact: 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

We currently have "*Why Should We Use Natural Family Planning?*" and "*What is Natural Family Planning?*" brochures in Spanish for those who request them besides our Spanish DVD on NFP.

DID YOU KNOW?

Two-thirds of all young people with mental health problems are not getting the help they need. Most often, children and adolescents' mental health problems are not recognized for what they are and appropriate help is not sought. The stigma associated with mental health problems often acts as a barrier to getting help. It causes isolation and discrimination for young people and their families. For more information, visit the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill website at www.nami.org.

CCMI MEETINGS

Christians Concerned about Mental Illness holds monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 12:00 - 1:00pm in the Diocesan Center at 228 N. Walnut Street, Lansing. The next CCMI meeting will be held on November 27. No reservations are required. Meetings are a chance for prayer and fellowship with people on the same journey through faith. Contact: Joann at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org for more information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CATHOLIC OUTREACH

The big news for Catholic Outreach, as it begins its 31st year of service to the less fortunate in our community, is the retirement of our founder, Sr. Claudia Burke, a Franciscan Sister of the Poor. Never one to rest on her laurels, Sister can still be seen at fundraising events. She offers to do anything she can to benefit the agency, as long as we keep in mind that she is starting to become (as she puts it) an "old lady". We will continue Sister's legacy of compassion and concern for the needy in our area and thank her for her many years of dedicated service. With the economy in the Flint area being hit harder than most cities in Michigan, we are, unfortunately, finding the need for our services increasing daily. We are assisting with rents/evictions, water deposits/shutoffs, food, personal needs, diapers and baby formula. When circumstances permit, we help with work boots and State Ids.

Our St. Christopher Transportation Program continues to transport seriously ill children with special medical needs to Ann Arbor, Detroit and Lansing. This very special, one-of-a-kind program is becoming so well known that we are expanding beyond Flint transporting children from Standish, Crosswell, Canton, Jackson, Houghton Lake and Saginaw! The kids are a real inspiration to our staff and never cease to amaze us . . . they are already talking of snow days off from school and Christmas. If you would like to know more about Catholic Outreach or would like to make a donation, please call: 810-234-4693 or write P. O. Box 815, Flint, MI 48501.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP ON DISABILITY

Disability Prospective on Embryonic Stem Cell Research: NCPD supports research using adult or self-contributed stem cells, as well as those cells obtained through normal birth. We see such research as useful and moral. We commend those scientists who have made such strides in these highly appropriate research endeavors. We endorse efforts by every member of Congress and the rest of the government who have joined Congressman Christopher Smith in the bill now before you. NCPD is charged with creating welcome and justice within the church and the total fabric of society for over 14 million Catholics with disabilities. We are guided by the Catholic Bishops' affirmation that support of the human right to life calls for a commitment to the right to equal access to education, employment, housing, medical services and free access to public accommodations. NCPD is responsible for providing the expertise and consultation that moves this agenda forward. Within our national network, we have found that most disabled people are as interested in cures as anyone else. They also seek better tools for living, greater inclusion, respect and recognition of their unique gifts. Cures attained by immoral means do not enhance the inherent dignity of anyone. Also, if we take a completely utilitarian view of who and what we are, we will have lost a sense of the unique gifts that our varied abilities and experiences bring into society.

To read the entire article, visit National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities website at: http://www.ncpd.org/june_8_2001.htm.

CAPTIONED VIDEOS AND DVDS

One of the greatest technological blessings for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities in the past twenty five years has been captioned television, videos and DVDs. Not only has the reading level of the target population been raised, but a whole new world of information has become available to these individuals. Federal legislation requiring equal access has been instrumental in this accomplishment. The religious sector, however, has been waived from some of the accessibility requirements. Finding Catholic and religious videos with captioning can be daunting, but we notice that captioned DVDs are starting to become available and the Catholic Mass on EWTN is being live captioned.

If you will be involved in producing videos, DVDs or live programming, you may want to check into captioning resources. Some producers have the capability to place captions on their own programming as well. A company that has been doing captioning for a long time is Closed Captioning Services of Grand Rapids. Their web address is <http://www.cccaption.com>. For further information on captioning, please contact: 517-342-2532 or rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women has come to the Lansing Diocese! This is a series of study guides which lead women into the fullness of the Church's teaching in their lives and vocations. The guides are intelligent and life-changing. Each study lasts eight sessions. New groups are being started in the Lenawee, Flint and Lansing areas. For more information, please contact: Rory at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

LIVESCAN FINGERPRINT FEES REDUCED

L-1 Identity Solutions (formerly Identix) notified the Diocese of Lansing that due to a decrease in the FBI portion of fingerprinting fees, applicants and agencies will be paying less for fingerprint-based background checks requiring both state and FBI records checks effective October 1, 2007.

Fees for state/FBI records checks will be decreased by \$4.75. The new fee structure follows:

SE - School Employment, MCL 380.1230

MSP/FBI Fee: \$49.25
Identix Fee: \$16.00
Total: \$65.25

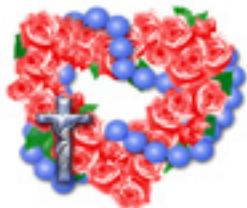
CPE - Nat'l Child Protection Act, NCPA employee

MSP/FBI Fee: \$49.25
Identix Fee: \$16.00
Total: \$65.25

CPV - Nat'l Child Protection Act, NCPA volunteer

MSP/FBI Fee: \$43.25
Identix Fee: \$16.00
Total: \$59.25

A revised Livescan Fingerprint Request form with the new fee schedule may be found at the diocesan website at: <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/safeenvironment/Identixappinfo.pdf>.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

COURAGE/ENCOURAGE

Courage/Encourage is the only Vatican-approved Catholic outreach to persons with same-sex attraction aimed at achieving a chaste life and the support for their parents or friends. There are currently two groups meeting in the Lansing Diocese. There are also priests who meet privately with any SSA individual who wishes to live a chaste life. Posters, explaining the purpose of Courage/Encourage, are available. Business cards are also available for anyone who counsels or has contact with people who might want to know more about Courage/Encourage. To receive posters or card, contact: 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.

LEFT TO TELL

Left To Tell by Immaculee Ilibagiza is the astonishing true story of faith, forgiveness and survival during the Rwandan genocide of 1994. The Life Justice Office is offering it as the One Diocese, One Book until Spring 2008. The paperback edition is only \$9.00. This is a great Christmas gift. Contact: 517-342-2560 or candrews@dioceseoflansing.org.

CHASTITY PROGRAM

If your church or school would like to be involved in a diocesan-wide chastity program, please contact: Rory at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org. Team leaders are needed for training across the diocese.



PASTORAL PLANNING

SHARING THE WEALTH...

A TIME OUT WITH GOD - THE BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT

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 2006, 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 21 articles there now. Probably, there is one or more there that your parish can adopt and adapt.

For many of us, the pace of today's lifestyle leaves us asking, "When is there time for me and God?" A growing number of people are finding the answer to that question in an experience that some call "*The Busy Person's Retreat*." Within the Diocese of Lansing, this retreat structure is being successfully employed at both St. Joseph Parish, Dexter and at Siena Heights University, Adrian. To learn more, visit the Diocesan website and click on the "[Sharing The Wealth](#)" button.

FORMATION

FOLLOW-UP ON IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA ONGOING FORMATION EVENT.

On October 4 and 5 the Formation Department was privileged to host Immaculee Ilibagiza, author of, *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, to share her story on forgiveness. The presentations were offered Thursday evening at St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor and Friday daytime at St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing. Both locations were filled with eager listeners to hear her story. Hundreds of her books and other audio materials were sold at both sites and Immaculee graciously signed books for all who requested her to do so. The free will collections from both sites totaled more than \$12,500.00 which was given to her *Left to Tell Foundation*. A sincere thank you to all who helped to make this event so successful.

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January 7 - 10

Region VI Forum for Pastoral Leadership

Webers' Inn, Ann Arbor

Theme: *The Prophetic Spirituality of Jesus*

February 6 - Ash Wednesday

February 14

Priest Lenten Day of Reflection with Bishop - SFRC, DeWitt

February 22

On-going formation event with Fr. Dan Jones, Sacred Heart Seminary - St. Agnes, Fowlerville

March 23 - Easter

April 28 - May 2

Priest Annual Retreat Bethany House, DeWitt
with Fr. Timothy Gallagher

May 4

Permanent Diaconate Discernment Day

Diocesan Center - Madonna Hall

2:00 - 5:00pm

May 17

Permanent Deacon Aspirants Day of Reflection

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

9:00am - 4:00pm

June 27

Senior Priest Appreciation Luncheon

July 24

Priest Summer Day - Bethany House, DeWitt

with Msgr. Jeffrey Monforton, Rector of Sacred Heart Seminary

August 2

Annual Priest Golf Outing

August 16

Conversations in Ministry

Diocesan Center, Madonna Hall

9:00am - 3:00pm

Theme: *Diversity Workshop or "Chataqua"*

Presenter: Ron Landfair, Director,
Black Catholic Ministry

August 20

Permanent Diaconate Rite of Candidacy

St. Mary Cathedral - Vesper Service

7:00pm

Reception follows in Madonna Hall

August 28

Permanent Diaconate Institution to Acolyte

St. Mary Cathedral - Mass

7:00pm

Reception follows in Madonna Hall

October 3 - 5

Deacon Community Convocation

Shanty Creek - Bellaire, MI

Theme: *Renewing Sunday Preaching*

Presenters: NOCERCC team

October 6 - 9

30th Annual Presbyteral Convocation

Shanty Creek - Bellaire, MI

Theme: *Renewing Sunday Preaching*

Presenters: NOCERCC team

2009

January 5 - 8

Region VI Forum for Pastoral Leadership

Webers' Inn, Ann Arbor

Theme: *"Mary" - Perspectives of other Faiths*

May 1 - 3

Permanent Diaconate Pre-Ordination Retreat

Bethany House, DeWitt

Rev. Timothy Gallagher, OMV

MICHIGAN WINTER 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, Principals, 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. This will take place on Thursday, January 10, 12:00pm until Friday, January 11, 1:00pm at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw, Michigan. The theme will be: *Fundamentalism: A Response to Its Many Forms*. Conference, lodging and four meals is \$90. Registration deadline is January 4.

For a registration brochure, contact: Margaret at 517-342-2555 or mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org.

RCIA AND PRISON MINISTRY

The Diocesan Restorative Justice Office and the Diocesan Christian Initiation Advisory Committee are exploring ways to systematically strengthen RCIA ministry in prisons and jails. They are seeking RCIA Directors, current or former and RCIA catechists, current or former, who may be willing to assist in this effort in all areas of the diocese but particularly in Milan, Adrian, Brighton and Jackson. Any volunteer would be accompanied by a current prison ministry volunteer.

Please spread this notice among others who may not receive **VOICES Alive!**. Contact: Pete Ries at 517-342-2486, pries@dioceseoflansing.org or Tim Metts at 517-342-2495, tmetts@dioceseoflansing.org.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

CAFÉ



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

1) Movies can promote intense discussion about values related to our faith. A number of parishes are using movies as an occasional item for young adult gatherings, as a seasonal gathering for families at the parish center or for a limited series for breaking open the Sunday readings. There are a number of resources available, among them **Lights Camera . . . Faith!** by Fr. Peter Malone and Sr. Rose Pacatte. Contact: Pete Ries at 517-342-2486 or pries@dioceseoflansing.org for further information on this innovative approach to ongoing adult faith formation.

2) As part of your efforts to reach inactive Catholics, you can use an internet resource from St. Anthony Messenger Press. OnceCatholic.org is a welcoming interactive web community. It puts people in touch with online resources related to various reasons individuals are no longer active in the Church. Access their site at www.oncecatholic.org. You can:

- get a stack of postcards about this website to mail to individuals
- post the website address in your bulletin and encourage parishioners to share it with inactive family members and friends
- put this link on your parish webpage for any visitor to find.

Consider this as one concrete action for your parish evangelization effort.

CERTIFICATION OF PARISH STAFF PERSONS

All parish catechist leaders, youth ministry leaders and pastoral ministry leaders are asked to pursue certification through the Diocesan of Lansing. Our certification system has been reviewed and approved by the United States Conference of Catholics Bishops. We are currently completing the process for a group of people. If you would like to be part of the next group going through this process this winter, **contact one of the following by November 30** for specific information and certification materials:

- Michael Andrews, Office of Catechesis, 517-342-2479, mandrews@dioceseoflansing.org
- Pat Rinker, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, 517-342-2485, prinker@dioceseoflansing.org
- Pete Ries, Office of Evangelization, RCIA and Adult Faith Formation, 517-342-2486, pries@dioceseoflansing.org
- Nancy Joseph, 517-342-2512, njoseph@dioceseoflansing.org

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

In 2008, the world will mark the 100th anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The week is traditionally held January 18 - 25, the feast of the Chair of St. Peter (in the old calendar) to the feast of the conversion of St. Paul.

Plan now on celebrating with the other Christians in your community. Resources will be on our website in late December, but ecumenical dialogue can only be aided by preparing the liturgy with clergy and music directors from other congregations.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

Following the National Catholic Youth Conference registration material will be available for, "See You in Sidney". This is a two day event that will be held in Sidney, Ohio to help youth who cannot afford to go to Australia an opportunity to participate in WYD. Because of the huge response from the Michigan/Ohio region and allotment has been set for each diocese. You will want to get your registration material and payments in ASAP once you receive them. Mike Patin, Tom Sparrough, Who Do You Say I Am, are among featured speakers and music. The cost will be about \$90.00 and will include lunch and supper on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. More information will come out in November.

Middle School Youth Rally will be Saturday March 8, at Powers Catholic High School in Flint. Our keynote presenters will be Apex. Apex features Gene and Brad, two slightly off center jugglers who will dazzle you with their school, befuddle you with their humor and inspire you with their Christian message and witness. Teens and adults both love them. They have performed for several national conferences and diocesan rallies. Also featured are Metro Inflatables, dancing, food, music and an inspiring liturgy. Registration material will be available by January if not sooner.

Regional Young Adult Meetings

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

Two are scheduled at this time. All young adult leaders are welcome to join in on these meetings to assist in the development of young adult ministry in your area.

November 14 we will meet on St. Mary Magdalen in Brighton at 10:00am. Please contact the parish if you intend to come at: 810-229-8624.

Mass & Brunch with the Bishop will be January 24 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in East Lansing. Brunch and dialogue with Bishop Mengeling will follow Mass. Registration material will be available in December.

State Young Adult Conference is March 29 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Ann Arbor. Each workshop round will feature two workshops in Spanish and four in English. Translation equipment will be used to enable our Spanish speaking young adults to enjoy the whole event. Program schedule includes lunch, supper workshops, keynote, liturgy and much more. Watch for further details in January.

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 28, 9:00am - 3:00pm at Bethany House, DeWitt. More details to follow.

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 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: "The diocese will have a clearly stated vision of lifelong learning in parishes that promotes adult faith formation as the chief form of catechesis" (P. 52).

B) Some implications: "While the parish is the place of front-line ministry in adult faith formation. . . the task of supporting parish adult faith formation ministers is exercised normally by diocesan administrative offices, chiefly the diocesan catechetical office" (P. 52).

C) Some strategy: The diocese works with parish leaders and has in place a pastoral plan for adult faith formation that has been formed in consultation with them (P. 53).



**DIOCESAN CALENDAR
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2007**

November 13/14	St. Paul Accreditation Site Visit, St. Paul, Owosso	November 27	Diocesan Evangelization Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center, 9:30am - 12:30pm
November 14	Diocesan Worship Commission - Diocesan Center, 10:30am - 3:00pm Regional Gathering of Parish Evangelization Leaders - St. Gerard, Lansing, 6:30 - 8:30pm	November 28/29	Lansing Catholic High School Accreditation Site Visit - Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing
November 15	DRE Orientation, Part II, 10:00am - 2:30pm Diocesan Board of Education & Catechesis - Diocesan Center, 6:15pm Deadline for application for ministry certification for Winter 2008 Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting	November 30	Feast Day of St. Andrew
November 17	Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary	December 2	First Sunday of Advent - Year A
November 18	Solemn Vespers for Musicians - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing, 4:00pm	December 3	Memorial of St. Francis Xavier
November 19	Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center, 6:30pm	December 6	Diocesan Coordinating Commission
November 21	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	December 7	Memorial of St. Ambrose
November 22	Memorial of St. Cecilia Thanksgiving Day - Diocesan Central Services Offices closed	December 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation Scout Committee - TBA, 10:00am Youth Events & DYAC (Diocesan Youth Advisory Council) - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton, 10:00am Confirmation - St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, 5:15pm (Celebrant: Rev. Douglas Osborn)
November 23	Diocesan Central Offices closed	December 9	Second Sunday of Advent Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Mary Cathedral, Diocese of Lansing
November 24	Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac	December 11	Family Life Advisory Committee Meeting - Diocesan Center, 5:00 - 8:00pm
November 25	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	December 12	Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe
		December 13	Memorial of St. Lucy
		December 14	Memorial of St. John of the Cross

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