

The imperative role of hope is reflected in Catholic Charities USA's tag line - "Providing Help, Creating Hope."

Fr. David Hudgins, Pastor of St. Joseph, Adrian, and a social worker (MSW) will talk about what it means to work at a Catholic Charities agency and what makes its work different from secular agencies. He will reflect on his experiences as a pastor and as a social worker in a Catholic agency.

The day will also include a presentation on the organizational structure of Catholic Charities here in the diocese and our relationships with Catholic Charities of Michigan, Catholic Charities USA and Cor Unum.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES DAY 2008



The Department of Catholic Charities will host Catholic Charities Day 2008 on Thursday, April 17th. It will be a day of fellowship, reflection and formation for those involved in Catholic Charities. The first Catholic Charities Day was held May 4, 2006 and focused on Pope Benedict's first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love). This year's day will build on the 2006 experience by focusing on Pope Benedict's second encyclical, *Spe Salvi* (On Christian Hope).

A proper understanding of God as Love is essential to anyone who seeks to serve the poor. The work of Catholic Charities is the work of the Church. It is the preaching of the Gospel for the salvation of souls. Catholic Charities seeks to accomplish this by performing the corporal works of mercy. Like St. Francis of Assisi, Catholic Charities preaches the Gospel always and when necessary, uses words. Christian hope is also essential to this "preaching" and to all who work with the poor.

Catholic Charities takes seriously the charge from Pope Benedict, that all who labor in Catholic Charities must seek a proper "formation of the heart." To this end, Catholic Charities Day 2008 will begin with Mass at St. Mary Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Carl Mengeling. Following Mass all will gather in Madonna Hall in the Diocesan Center. Bishop Mengeling will talk on *Spe Salvi* and on how hope is an essential element of living out the Gospel's call to take care of the poor.

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Recently, Bishop Mengeling sent a personal letter to all of the Catholic inmates within the prisons located in the Diocese of Lansing. This letter encouraged them to participate in the companionship of Jesus Christ and to participate in the Catholic services offered in each prison. It may surprise you to know that there are over 5,000 Catholic inmates in the prison system. Sadly, only about 10% participate in the services. Many inmates of other faiths have expressed an interest in the Catholic faith and are in need of RCIA. It is very encouraging to participate in the services within the prisons because the faith expression of those that attend is so very fervent. They are hungry for the Word of God and eager to participate in services.

One young man who was sentenced to life at the age of sixteen has even written a booklet to assist other new inmates who are Catholic and may not be current in their faith. We are working with him to get it published. Call: 517-342-2495.

MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Caregiver/disAbility Retreat Day - Ministry with Persons with disAbilities is offering a Retreat Day for Persons with disAbilities and their families at St. James Parish in Mason on Saturday, March 29, 2008. The retreat begins at 2:00pm, ending with the celebration of Liturgy with St. James parish at 5:00pm. Reservations required. Contact: 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org.

Did you Know? Pathways to Promise is an interfaith technical assistance and resource center that offers liturgical and educational materials, program models and networking information to promote a caring ministry for people with mental illness and their families. www.pathways2promise.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



INTRODUCTION TO NFP

- Thursday, April 17, 2008 , 7:00 - 9:00pm, Most Holy Trinity, Fowler
 - Sunday, April 20, 2008, 5:00 - 6:00pm, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Davison
 - Thursday, April 24, 2008, 7:00 - 8:30pm, St. Casmir Parish, Lansing
- Pre-registration is required for all participants. For more information, contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

NFP CLASSES OFFERED IN THE DIOCESE OF LANSING

- **Billings Ovulation Method:** Saturday, April 19, 2008, 10:00am, St. Anthony Parish, Hillsdale, Michigan
If interested, call: Maria at 517-523-3526 to register.
- **Sympto-Thermal Method:** taught by Couple to Couple League (CCL)
Contact: diocese of class schedule or: ccl-mi.org
- **Creighton Model Fertility Care System:** Diocese of Lansing
Contact: Amanda at 517- 242-3710 or venemafamily@cablespeed.com
- **Family of Americas Ovulation Method:** Monday, April 14, 2008 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Grand Blanc, Michigan. Class at 7:00pm
Contact: Parish or the NFP office at 517-342-2587.

The new Introduction to Natural Family Planning DVD is available, both in English or in Spanish. Cost is \$5.00 each. We will send a complementary copy to any parish that has not received one.

CAPTIONED MEDIA

Since the 1980's television and movie captioning has become available to Deaf and hard of hearing communities, comprising 8.6 percent of the Michigan population. People not in these two categories also utilize captions. Immigrants learning our language, people in line at banks or waiting at airports and people in noisy settings have appreciated the efforts of caption services. Religious educators working in the Deaf community say more needs to be done. With the exception of EWTN, Catholic videos and television programming are rarely captioned, leaving Deaf and hard of hearing people out of the loop. Unfortunately, EWTN is not available to all. Deaf people then depend on secular information or watch religious programming from non-Catholic churches. It would be helpful if material produced specifically for use by Catholics was captioned. Contact: Rose Smith at rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Department of Catholic Charities bids farewell to Sr. Pat Dulka, O.P.. Sister Pat served as the Behavioral Health Supervisor and Co-Director of Catholic Charities of Lenawee. She lead the agency through its original accreditation process and supervised all clinical staff. We wish Sr. Pat continued blessings.

The Department of Catholic Charities is happy to announce that as of February 1, 2008, Mrs. Sue Lewis has been appointed as the Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Lenawee. She has served as the agency's Business Manager and Co-Director since 2004. The agency will benefit from her extensive background in the area of behavioral health and her commitment to the mission of Catholic Charities. Sue and her husband live in Adrian and are members of St. Joseph Church.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA

Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator, recently named Catholic Charities USA the 8th most fiscally responsible charity in the nation. They were given a 4-star rating, their highest. Trent Stamp, president of Charity Navigator said, "Catholic Charities USA stands out not just as one of the most fiscally healthy, but also for their strong commitment to respecting the rights of donors. Their inclusion on our top 10 list of Slam Dunk Charities signals to the public that Catholic Charities USA is worthy of its trust and support."

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SHIAWASSEE & GENESEE COUNTIES

Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties (CC) was founded over 65 years ago by Monsignor Earl V. Sheridan who understood the human service needs of families, especially during more tumultuous times. Monsignor worked hard to help strengthen our community through compassion and service. His mission, which spans six decades, remains our mission.

More than 20 programs are offered at CC to assist families and individuals achieve successful, happier lives. Our services reach diverse populations, focus on the needs of the poor and serve to promote the positive values of family life; contribute to harmonious family interrelationships; and promote healthy personality development. CC services continue to positively change lives for **all people**, in all circumstances, by empowering them to advocate for themselves, their families and loved ones.

Services include foster care and adoption; counseling - mental health & substance abuse; home-based services assisting teen/parents and families; prevention and education services to strengthen our community; outreach services providing food and personal needs items through our North End Soup Kitchen Programs and bilingual services through our Spanish Speaking Information Center.

The majority of clients that we serve are low-to-moderate income households. Those who cannot afford to pay for the services we offer are placed on a sliding fee based on income and dependents living in the home. Catholic Charities remains one of the few agencies that offer's services on a reduced fee in both counties we serve. We take pride in never turning anyone away for services based on their ability to pay and we work hard to ensure this practice will continue another 65 years.

CC programs are continually evolving to meet the needs of families and can be quite challenging as available funding continues to decline and the human service needs of our neighbors continue to rise. Many of our programs utilize community volunteers and student interns, where appropriate, to keep overhead costs low and services affordable.

Catholic Charities is currently in need of volunteer support for our Youth in Transition Program (YIT), which focuses on teens who are preparing to exit the foster care system after they turn 18. YIT helps them to prepare to live on their own. Call: Susan at 810-232-9950 ext.160. Stop by for a **Help & Hope Tour**. The tours are held the last Wednesday of the month from 12:00 - 1:00pm. We are located at 901 Chippewa Street, Flint.

LIFE JUSTICE OFFICE

As the election process develops, it is imperative that Catholics become familiar with all of the issues. To this end, the USCCB has recently issued a statement entitled: *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*. The USCCB offers this as a helpful resource for encouraging Catholics to exercise their right and responsibility to participate in the political process. Anyone wishing to order their own materials through the USCCB can do so through our office at a 40% discount. Bulletin inserts, pamphlets, booklets and a DVD are available. After April 15 we will have copies of the DVD of *Forming Consciences* available on loan for parishes, small group discussion, adult education, etc.

Also available in DVD format are *A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death*, *The Invisible Mexicans of Deer Canyon* - an expose of migrant life in Southern California, *Avoiding the Money Trap* (on predatory lending, in both English and Spanish). Pamphlets include *Between Man and Woman - Questions and Answers about Marriage and Same-Sex Unions and Key Votes on Abortion-109th Congress 2006*. Contact: Rory Hoipkemier at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.

"Rebuilding Hope After the Tsumani" is an inspiring DVD from Catholic Relief Services which presents the accomplished and ongoing work of CRS in Sri Lanka, Indonesia and other disaster-affected areas. In just 10 minutes, the viewer will witness the concrete results (pun intended) of the generous donations given by American Catholics and others to the tsunami survivors to CRS. To borrow this DVD, contact: Rory at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.

PROPERTIES

MARK THIS DATE

July 23, 2008

2008 Asbestos Awareness and Maintenance Seminar

The diocesan Office of Property Management will be offering a 2 hour required "Asbestos Awareness Training" for all school maintenance personnel. This year an "Asbestos Operations and Maintenance" training, last offered a decade ago, will also be offered. Both trainings are required under Federal AHERA regulations. Both training sessions will be at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt on July 23, 2008. More details to follow.



FORMATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2008

April 6

Vocations to the Priesthood Sunday - Good Shepherd Sunday - promote vocations to the priesthood

April 25

PPMA Spring Event - Brighton - pastoral ministers day of reflection

Presenter: Nick Synko

April 26 - 27

Women's Discernment to Religious Life Retreat - any single woman is invited to discern God's call to consecrated life. Contact: Sr. Mary Ann Foggin at 517-342-2506

April 28 - May 2

Priest Annual Retreat - Bethany House, DeWitt

Presenter: Fr. Timothy Gallagher

May 4

Perm. Diaconate Discernment Day Diocesan Center - Madonna Hall 2:00 - 5:00pm

PASTORAL PLANNING

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES AS EVANGELIZATION EVENTS???

...IT WORKS IN BROOKLYN!

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 25 articles there now. There is probably one or more that your parish can adopt and adapt.

Every parish seeks to be a more welcoming community. At St. Joseph Parish in Brooklyn, the staff has hit on a simple but very effective way to do that... and give the parish's evangelization efforts a boost in the bargain.

Check out the "[Sharing the Wealth](#)" link at www.dioceseoflansing.org to read the entire article.

PLANNING TOMORROW'S CHURCHES

The Diocesan Coordinating Commission is happy to report that they have completed a detailed analysis of all Regional Review Committee reports.

The next phase of the process is to define viability criteria which will be used to draft final recommendations. When these draft recommendations have been completed (sometime in May 2008), all Consultative Groups (Diocesan Pastoral Council, Diocesan Finance Council, Presbyteral Council, Council of Vicars and College of Consultors) will have the opportunity to review them and offer input. Following these consultations, the Commission will meet to consider the input and make any necessary revisions to the recommendations.

The Commission hopes to complete its work sometime in June 2008, at which time the final set of recommendations will be sent to Bishop Boyea.



CEMETERIES

MEMORIAL DAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Office of Cemetery and Property management will include a Memorial day Mass schedule for all parish cemeteries on its website.

Email your cemetery schedule (including the name of the celebrant), whether concelebrated or not, time and place to: pgarriepy@dioceseoflansing.org or fax 517-342-2519

FORMATION

- May 17** Permanent Deacon Aspirants Day of Reflection
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt
9:00am - 4:00pm
- May 20 - 21** Diaconate Formation Board Interviews
- June 14** Holy Hour for Vocations - No Ordinations in 2008
- June 21** Celebrating 30 years of Loyola Program
- June 27** Senior Priest Appreciation Luncheon
- June 28** Candidacy Mass for Seminarians at St. Thomas Aquinas,
E.L. - 4:30pm televised Mass
- July 24** Priest Summer Day - Bethany House, DeWitt
Presenter: Msgr. Jeffrey Monforton, Rector of Sacred
Heart Seminary
- July 25** Lugnuts Game - Family Night Celebrating Vocations
- August** 2nd Annual Priest Golf Outing
- August 9** 2nd Annual "Run thru Hell" - raising money for college
seminarian costs
Hell, Michigan (near St. Mary, Pinckney)
- August 9 - 10** Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon - Vocations to Permanent
Diaconate celebrated this weekend in parishes per regional
preparation
- August 14 - 17** Seminarian Summer Gathering at Bethany House
- 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 17** Prospective Seminarian Dinner with Bishop
- August 17 - 18** Discernment Retreat for Seminarian Prospects
- August 26** Permanent Diaconate Institution to Acolyte
St. Mary Cathedral - Mass - 7:00pm
Reception in Madonna Hall
- August 27** Permanent Diaconate Rite of Candidacy
St. Mary Cathedral - Vesper Service - 7:00pm
Reception to follow - Madonna Hall
- September 9** Seminarian Golf Outing Fundraiser - Hawk Hollow and
Eagle Eye Golf Courses - Sponsored by the Diocese
of Lansing and the K of C

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

October 12

Lait Sunday

October 17

Lay Ministry Convocation

October 26

Priesthood Sunday - always the last
Sunday of October - to celebrate
priesthood

November 8

Lay Ecclesial Commissioning - St.
Mary Cathedral - 10:30am

November 22

Deacon Ordination??? - this is not
certain yet

November ??

Ongoing Formation Event

December 20 - 21

Seminarian Winter Gathering

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
Presenter: Rev. Timothy Gallagher,
OMV

MINISTRY POSITIONS

Goal 4.1: Establish a diocesan human resource office to attract, support and retain professional ministers at all levels throughout the diocese.

If your parish is seeking applicants for a position, or you or someone you know is interested in current openings in youth ministry, young adult ministry, adult faith formation, RCIA, evangelization, religious education or pastoral ministry, call: [Pat Rinker](mailto:Pat.Rinker@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2485; [Pete Ries](mailto:Pete.Ries@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2486; [Michael Andrews](mailto:Michael.Andrews@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2484 or [Nancy Joseph](mailto:Nancy.Joseph@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2512.

WELCOME HOME SUNDAY

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.

This year parishes are doing **Welcome Home Sunday** spread out over the 12 months of 2007 - 2008. Forty parishes focused this activity, July - December. Many parishes are doing **Welcome Home Sunday**, January - June, 2008.

Feedback from both groups will be tallied and sent to all the **Welcome Home Sunday** parish contacts and pastors/pastoral coordinators after Easter. For any questions about Welcome Home Sunday, contact: Pete Ries at 517-342-2486 or pries@dioceseoflansing.org.

DIOCESAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

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

The application process is now in progress. Registration material has been sent to parishes and is available on our website: <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youthministry/campforms.pdf>

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS



WORKBOOK/KIT FOR DEVELOPING A PARISH PASTORAL PLAN FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION CAFÉ

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

This 20 page workbook collects a recipe of worksheets and questions for a parish adult faith formation committee to work through. It considers all of the opportunities for adult faith formation already going on in parish life, three different approaches to adult faith formation, leadership, marketing and soliciting the support of pastoral leadership. *Where do you want your parish adult faith formation effort to be one year from now? Three years from now?* Systematic use of this workbook will allow a parish to build its pastoral plan based on what it thinks is doable and reasonable in the near future. To receive a copy, contact: Pete Ries, 517-342-2486 or pries@dioceseoflansing.org.

PARISH BASED TRAINING FOR EVANGELIZATION

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

If your parish is about to recruit members for its evangelization team or if you already have a team, consider a 6-clock hour training program.

Usually conducted in three 2-clock hour sessions, the first gives an overview of evangelization and how it is causing some major shifts in how we view Church membership and parish life. The second and third leads the parish evangelization team through the 3 pastoral goals of evangelization as set forth by the United States bishops and helps committee members strategize ways they can be done.

To explore this possibility or set up dates to bring this training to your parish, please contact: Pete Ries at 517-342-2486 or pries@dioceseoflansing.org.

RCIA DIRECTORS

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.

1) Check out the March issue of **Today's Parish Minister** for five articles on various aspects of Christian Initiation.

2) A 2 credit course giving an overview of the RCIA will be offered at St. John the Evangelist, Fenton, through 4 day long classes Thursdays, June 12 and 26 and July 17 and 24. This course will provide principles for the celebration of the various rites, propose effective catechesis accommodated to the liturgical year and address pastoral concerns and pertinent legal issues. This will be an excellent overview for directors and their team members and for anyone else seeking an overview of this dynamic ministry. For registration materials, call: [Pete Ries](mailto:Pete.Ries@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2486 or [Nancy Joseph](mailto:Nancy.Joseph@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2512.

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STATE YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

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

... 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. The theme of the conference is *Just Live It II*. Go to www.dioceseoflansing.org/youngadult/YAConfBrochure2008.pdf for the registration brochure.

SEE YOU IN SYDNEY

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

Have your teens join with thousands of others from the dioceses of Michigan and Ohio as they gather in Sydney, Ohio July 19 and 20 for the celebration of World Youth Day. This event will be linked with Pope Benedict XVI and 500,000 youth from around the world in Sydney, Australia. Go to the diocesan website, www.dioceseoflansing.org, Office of Youth Ministry to view and download information and registration materials.

PLAN SUMMER SERVICE TRIPS

...or other overnight youth programming. Please download the diocese guidelines for service trips and overnight programs so that your youth will have a meaningful faith filled experience and be kept safe. Peace!

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

NUTS & BOLTS 2008 FEATURES STEVE ANGRISANO

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

Please mark your calendar now for August 15 - 17, 2008 at the Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Steve Angrisano will be our keynote. Our theme track will focus on responding in time of crisis. Steve brings with him an incredible experience and perspective from his history in responding at the time of the Columbine school shooting's. We are asking Steve to make Saturday a time to reflect on the time of crisis of a spiritual perspective while looking at Sunday workshops as a more practical how do we prepare and what do we do. This theme is applicable to all who minister with youth and young adults, in schools, parishes and campus ministry settings. Please prioritize having your adult leaders in youth, young adult, school and campus ministry participating in this event.

PASTORS/PASTORAL COORDINATORS

Goal 4.1: Clearly define present roles and create new roles in the Church to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of people.

Job performance appraisal/administrative review forms for the 2007 - 2008 fiscal year and contracts for 2008 - 2009 have been sent to all principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors and Directors of Evangelization.

DIOCESAN COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A PASTORAL RESPONSE TO PORNOGRAPHY

Goal 3, Strategy B: Provide programs to clarify Church teaching about complex moral issues.

Bishop Mengeling has established this committee to develop a variety of pastoral resources to assist adults, young adults, teens and children, dealing with the prevalence and dangers of pornography in today's society.

These resources will become available through the diocesan website and parish program leaders, as well as *FAITH Magazine*. Bishop Mengeling has issued a letter regarding this activity which can be found on the diocesan website at www.dioceseoflansing.org, on the front page, under "Committee Appointed" or in the March issue of *FAITH Magazine* and. For further information, contact: Pete Ries at 517-342-2486 or pries@dioceseoflansing.org.



DRES, CYMS, DIRECTORS OF ADULT FAITH FORMATION, RCIA DIRECTORS, DIRECTORS OF EVANGELIZATION

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

Please confer with your parish secretary for a piece of mail containing your copy of the Department of Education and Catechesis 2008 - 2009 calendar, a copy of the job performance appraisal/administrative review for 2007 - 2008 and a copy of the contract for 2008 - 2009.

Please confer with the calendar as you plan regional and parish dates.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR
MARCH - APRIL 2008

March 20	Holy Thursday Chrism Mass with Bishop - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing, 10:30am Bishop's Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing, 7:00pm	March 30	2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday Diocesan Farewell to Bishop Mengeling - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing, 5:00pm
March 21	Diocesan Central Service Office closed Good Friday Bishop's Good Friday Liturgy - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing, 12:00pm	March 31	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord St. Mary Confirmation - Westphalia, 7:00pm St. Joseph Confirmation - Jackson, 7:00pm
March 22	Solemn Easter Vigil - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing Holy Saturday Bishop's Blessing of Easter food - St. Casimir, Lansing	April 2	Diocesan Coordinating Commission, 10:30am
March 23	Easter Sunday - Resurrection of the Lord	April 3	Feast Day - St. Isidore of Seville
March 24	Diocesan Central Office Closed	April 4	We Care Seminar - Catholic Charities, Jackson, 6:00 - 9:00pm
March 25	CCMI Monthly Meeting - Diocesan Center, Logos, 12:00 - 1:00pm	April 5	We Care Seminar - Catholic Charities, Jackson, 9:00am - 12:00pm St. Elizabeth Confirmation, Tecumseh, 5:30pm
March 25 - 28	NCEA Annual Conference - Indianapolis, IN	April 6	3rd Sunday of Easter Vocations to the Priesthood Sunday Diocesan Choir Rehearsal, St. Mary Cathedral, 6:00pm
March 29	Young Adult Conference - St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor We Care Seminar - St. Paul Owosso, 9:00am - 3:00pm Caregiving & Person with disAbilities Retreat Day - St. James Parish, Mason, 2:00 - 5:00pm St. Isidore Confirmation - Laingsburg, 5:00pm	April 6 - 10	St. Mary Confirmation - Charlotte, 11:00am NCCL Annual Conference - Houston, TX Cristo Rey Confirmation - Lansing, 7:00pm CLSA Meeting - Traverse City We Care Seminar - St. Gerard, Lansing - 6:30 - 9:30pm
		April 7	Youth Events & DYAC - St. Paul Owosso, 8:00am
		April 7 - 9	
		April 10	
		April 12	

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