

• Gifts of Appreciated Stock – Gifts of long-term appreciated stock (held for more than one year) are a very popular type of non-cash gift. Donor receives a double tax benefit; a charitable income tax benefit and there is no capital gains tax on the appreciation.

Please reflect on the many blessings you have received from the Lord and make a generous contribution to DSA that allows the Church to carry out its mission of caring for the “People of Hope” in our diocese.

2008 Diocesan Services

Appeal Goal:

\$5,000,000.00

For additional information about our Diocesan Services Appeal, please contact:

Catholic Diocese of Lansing

Office of Development

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PEOPLE OF HOPE 2008 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

Each year, the Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) unites all 95 parishes of our diocese, drawing us together to accomplish wonderful works that help change lives. Our 2008 DSA theme, “People of Hope,” reminds us that there are so many in our diocese who need and depend on our support to provide hope in their lives.



The Catholic Diocese of Lansing, as is the case in most (arch) dioceses in the United States, conducts an annual appeal to help fund the work of its departments, agencies and offices. Without this appeal, the training, ministry, education and administrative services provided by the diocese would not be possible.

The programs, ministries and services funded by the DSA offer not only direct assistance to individuals and families, but also to parishes and schools as they carry out their missions in every area of our diocese. Much of this work could not be done, or would not be nearly as effective, without the support provided by the gifts to our Diocesan Services Appeal.

There are several ways to make a gift to DSA

- Gifts of Cash – Outright gifts of cash are the simplest and most common way to give to DSA.
- Credit Card Gifts – We accept VISA, MasterCard and Discover

SUMMER SCRIPTURE DAYS

The 2008 Summer Scripture Days are scheduled for August 12 - 14 in Bethany House at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. The Days are co-sponsored by the Department of Catholic Charities, Area Catholic Councils on Aging and St. Francis Retreat Center. This year we are honored to have Rev. John McDermott, S.J., from the faculty of Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, as our presenter for the three-day program based on the theme "*Getting to Know Jesus Through the Gospel According to Mark*".

Fr. John M. McDermott, S.J., was born in New York City and entered the Society of Jesus in 1961. He completed his studies at Fordham University, Hochschule Sankt Georgen (Frankfurt, Germany) and the Gregorian University (Rome, Italy). Thereafter, he taught at Fordham University, the Gregorian University, the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus and for two years now at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. He has published two books, edited two others and published more than a hundred articles on philosophy, the New Testament and theology. Scriptural presentations will be combined with liturgies, creative activities, prayer, recreation and fun. Brochures with registration information are being sent to all parishes in the monthly diocesan mailing for June. Full registration is \$150 per person; commuters pay \$90 or \$110 depending on their meal choices. Due to the generous contributions of several K of C Councils, parishes, individuals and organizations, scholarships are available. Participation is limited, so register early. For more information, contact: Linda Kolanowski, Catholic Charities, at 517-342-2465 or lkolanowski@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

There are many faces of the poor and needy that go unseen on the streets of our diocese. Some of those that we may not recognize are the older kids who have aged out of foster care and have nowhere to go and no family. Many depend on the local shelters for food and shelter. Being on your own at age eighteen can be extremely difficult. Someone to offer assistance in time of need is often all that is needed to get these kids on the right track.

Children who have a parent in prison are at extreme risk. Statistical evidence shows that 70% of children of incarcerated offenders will someday be incarcerated themselves. This is certainly a startling number considering that Michigan is one of the nation's leaders in people sentenced to prison. Somehow this cycle of incarceration must be broken.

The parent at home bears a difficult financial and emotional burden with the loss of a spouse that can be exacerbated by the stigma of imprisonment. Finding time to work, shop and care for children can be a daunting task. Keeping a marriage intact under these circumstances can be impossible without the care and assistance of others.

The Diocese of Lansing, Office of Restorative Justice, is seeking help to assist these individuals. Please consider volunteering some of your time. Contact: 517-342-2495 or Tim Metts at tmetts@dioceseoflansing.org.

DEAF PILGRIMS JOURNEY TO ROME

There are still a few spaces left on some of the tours to Rome this coming summer when Deaf Catholics from around the world are invited to meet in Rome and attend the papal audience with Pope Benedict XVI. The International Catholic Foundation for the Service of Deaf Persons (ICF) and The International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA) planned this first ever International Deaf Catholic Pilgrimage to Rome in June 2008. The Detroit Deaf Pilgrimage will leave on June 23 and return on July 1, 2008. Further information on the tours that are being planned from Detroit and neighboring states is available from Rose Smith at 517-342-2532, rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org, 989-587-6950 or smithrj@cablespeed.com.

WEBSITE FOR DEAF CATHOLICS

Fr. Michael Depcik has a website especially suited to Deaf people who use sign language. Besides Catholic information, it also consists of a VLOG or visual blog. Fr. Depcik's VLOG will include ASL signed homilies, prayers like the rosary and other Catholic-related information. The website can be found at www.frmd.org.

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR THE DEAF AT DE SALES CENTER

This summer, DeSales Center in Brooklyn, Michigan will have two programs with a strong religious focus: (1) *Deaf Youth Leadership Week* will be held July 20 - 25 for youth ages 13 - 16; (2) *Religious ASL Week* is scheduled for July 27 - August 1 for priests, deacons, lectors and interpreters. For more information, go to www.desales.org or contact Rose Smith at 517-342-2532 or rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CCMI MEETINGS

Christians Concerned about Mental Illness (CCMI) hold monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 12:00 - 1:00pm in the Diocesan Center, Lansing. May 27th will be our last meeting before summer break. Meetings will resume again on September 23rd. Meetings are a chance to pray and share our stories. For more information, contact: Ministry with Persons with disabilities at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org.

NFP CLASSES

Note: There is a charge of \$10.00 per couple for all Introduction to Natural Family Planning classes as of April 15, 2008. The fee will cover stipends and mileage for our facilitators. The \$10.00 fee must be paid prior to attending class. Checks should be made out and mailed to: **Diocese of Lansing**, 300 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

The *Introduction to NFP* classes will be offered:

- Wednesday, May 28, 7:00 – 9:00pm, St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing
 - Saturday, June 14, 9:00 – 11:00am, St. Robert Bellarmine, Flushing
 - Wednesday, July 23, 7:00 – 9:00pm, St. John the Baptist, Hartland
- Pre-registration is required for all participants. Couple fee of \$10.00 payable prior to first day of class. For more information, contact: NFP at 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

We have the new *Introduction to Natural Family Planning* DVD available both in English and Spanish. The cost is \$5.00 each. We will send a complimentary copy to any parish that has not received one for their library. Contact: NFP office at 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org. Thank You!

CSS OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

When you first walk into “**The Oaks**” ~ **Adult Day Services**, you notice something different from other programs for adults with memory impairments and cognitive difficulties. You see people: socializing, talking, engaging in yoga and Tai Chi, cooking, listening to music, playing board games, laughing and *living*. A five-day a week program offered by **Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County**, “The Oaks” supports adults who are struggling with memory loss, physical disabilities and cognitive deficits. The program provides stimulating activities in a safe environment to improve social interaction and mental acuity while also supporting family members seeking a break from the demands of daily caregiving. “Fifty percent of what we do is for the caregiver,” says Program Supervisor Greg Perkins. “It is about improving the quality of life for both our members as well as for their families.” That is what makes “The Oaks” unique, Perkins explains. “Our program operates under five core values: comfort, care, compassion, dignity and respect.” These words are not simple slogans at The Oaks. They are the tenets from which the program is based, a dedication Perkins explains as “touching the human spirit.” For more information on “The Oaks”, please call 734-662-4001 or visit the CSS of Washtenaw County website at www.csswashtenaw.org.

MIGRANT CAMP MINISTRY

The 2008 migrant farm season in the Diocese of Lansing is upon us. There are over 30 licensed migrant farms in our ten-county diocese. To find out where the camps are you can log onto www.dioceseoflansing.org/hispanicmigrant/index.html. The list will indicate the name of the farm, its location and the camp's capacity. We are looking for priests, deacons and lay volunteers who can visit these camps. Priests are needed to celebrate mass and/or hear confessions. Deacons are invited to regularly visit the camps and lead prayer services as well as Bible study groups. Lay volunteers can help welcome the workers as well as organize parish outreach to make sure the migrant workers have all they need both physically and spiritually. Sometimes workers and their families only need a friend and other times they need food, clothing and other necessities. Contact: Colleen Andrews at 517-342-2560 or candrews@dioceseoflansing.org. Colleen will put you in contact with one of the four Catholic Charities agencies that coordinate the Church's work in the camps.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

As the election process develops, it is imperative that Catholics become familiar with the issues. 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 materials through the USCCB can do so through our office at a 40% discount. Bulletin inserts, pamphlets, booklets and a DVD are available. We have copies of the DVD available on loan for parishes, small group discussion, adult education, etc.

FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

2008

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

May 20 - 21

Diaconate Formation Board Interviews

June 6 - 7

Ministry Formation Retreat

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

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
St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing
4:30pm televised Mass

July 24

Priest Summer Day - Bethany House, DeWitt

Presenter: Msgr. Jeffrey Monforton, Rector of Sacred Heart Seminary

PASTORAL PLANNING

SHARING THE WEALTH ST. JAMES MINISTRY FAIR

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

Since March 2006, we have seen a wealth of good ideas come to life as the work of pastoral planning goes on in our parishes. Twenty-seven of these have been featured each month via the "[Sharing the Wealth](#)" link on the diocesan webpage. This month we are featuring the ministry fair at St. James, Mason. In a busy parish like St. James, there are many opportunities for volunteering, as well as a variety of committees and councils to address nearly any need. What better way is there than a fair for parishioners to learn about all the ministries in a parish? Check out the "[Sharing the Wealth](#)" link at www.dioceseoflansing.org to read the entire article.



CEMETERIES

MEMORIAL DAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Office of Cemetery and Property management will include a Memorial day Mass schedule for all parish cemeteries on the diocesan 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



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

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 as per regional preparation

August 14 - 17

Seminarian Summer Gathering at Bethany House

August 16

Conversations in Ministry - Theme: *Diversity Workshop or "Chataqua"*
9:00am - 3:00pm, Resurrection, Lansing
Presenter: Ron Landfair, Director, Black Catholic Ministry

August 17

Seminary Informational Dinner - Bethany House, DeWitt

August 17 - 18

Discernment Retreat for Seminarian Prospects

August 27

Permanent Diaconate Rite of Candidacy and Permanent Diaconate
Institution to Acolyte
St. Mary Cathedral - Mass - 7:00pm
Reception to follow in St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall

September 9

Seminarian Golf Outing Fund Raiser - Hawk Hollow and
Eagle Eye Golf Courses - Sponsored by the Diocese of Lansing and the
Knights of Columbus

October 3 - 5

Deacon Community Convocation
Shanty Creek - Bellaire, MI
Theme: *"Renewing Sunday Preaching"*
Presenters: Rev. Ray John Marek, OMI of NOCERCC team

October 6 - 9

30th Annual Presbyteral
Convocation
Shanty Creek - Bellaire, MI
Theme: *"Renewing Sunday
Preaching"*
Presenters: NOCERCC team

October 12

Laity Sunday

October 24

Lay Ministry Convocation -
Chataqua (TBA)

October 26

Priesthood Sunday - always the last
Sunday of October - something new
that has been started to celebrate
priesthood

November 8

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

November 22

Transitional Deacon Ordination

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

May 16

Permanent Diaconate Ordination
St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing -
10:00am
Reception to follow in school gym/
cafeteria

**2007 - 2008 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.

Copies of this form for the parish DRE, parish CYM and parish Director of Adult Faith Formation have been sent to your parish secretary. **The deadline for return is July 31.** For those of you not at your parish in July, please fill out the form and return it to Margaret Grima before you leave for the summer.

For any questions about this report, contact: Margaret at 517-342-2555 or mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org. Again, this year you have the ability to send your information electronically.

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 6, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Call: Department of Education and Catechesis or the Department of Formation so we may also extend an invitation.

**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) at 517-342-2551.

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:PeteRies) at 517-342-2486 to discuss approaches to building/enhancing your committee and to schedule in-parish formation for your committee.

PLAN SUMMER SERVICE TRIPS

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

...or other overnight youth programming. Please download the diocesan 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>

SUMMER LEADERSHIP FORMATION

Goal 7.2: Engage more adults in ministry with youth & young adults.

Please mark the following summer dates for leadership formation for adults and young adults in youth and young adult ministry.

- July 31 & August 1 - **Overnight Basic Training in Youth Ministry** at Bethany House. This is for youth and adult leaders in youth ministry. Parish groups remain together as small groups during training. This is a great opportunity to build your core group for the coming year.
<http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youthministry/index.html>
- August 6 - **Orientation for new DRE's, CYM's, Pastoral Ministers and Principals.** This day is required for all new administrators. It will be held at the Diocesan Center in Lansing.
- August 15 - 17 - **Nuts & Bolts Conference** for adult leaders in youth and young adult and adult leaders in young adult ministry. It will be held at the Weber Inn in Ann Arbor. Steve Angrisano is our keynote and featured presenter on Saturday. Workshops will be available in basic youth ministry, young adult ministry and Spanish speaking track. The focus of theme track and Spanish speaking track will be preparing for and responding to crisis in ministerial settings and in the lives of our people. Registration will be on our website by mid-May.
<http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youthministry/index.html>

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

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.

- William Blattman, CYM, St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn
- Peggy Caputo, Director of Student Faith Formation and RCIA Director, St. John Student Parish, East Lansing
- Sr. Jane Anthony Cherwinski, DRE/CYM, St. Mary Queen of Angels, Swartz Creek
- Angela Czeiszperger, DRE, Sacred Heart, Hudson
- Lynn Fuller, Principal, St. Gerard, Lansing
- Rita Gregoricka, Principal, St. Paul, Owosso
- Gary Guevara, CYM, St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing
- Cindy Hays, CYM, St. Mary, Pinckney
- Sr. Mary Kastens, O.P., DRE, Director of Adult Faith Formation, and RCIA Director at St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing
- Linda McCrate, CYM, St. Elizabeth, Tecumseh
- Judie McGuire, CYM, St. Martha, Okemos
- Kelly and Stephan Minore, CYM, SS. Charles & Helena, Clio
- Sr. Patricia Newhouse, S.C., DRE, St. Martha, Okemos
- Linda Noll, Director of Adult Faith Formation, St. Pius X, Flint
- Mary Quick, DRE and Director of Adult Faith Formation, St. Mary, Adrian
- Elaine Schilling, DRE, St. John the Evangelist, Fenton

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.

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 the **Parish Evaluation Inventory**. 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 in developing its faith formation programs for adults, teens and children over the next 5 - 7 years. Workbooks are available. Every parish is asked to do the Review. If your parish is ready to begin or repeat this process, call: [Pete Ries](tel:517-342-2486) at 517-342-2486 or [Michael Andrews](tel:517-342-2479) at 517-342-2479.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS AND CONTRACTS

Goal 3.1, 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 2007 - 2008 Administrative Reviews by June 30, 2008. Contracts for 2008 - 2009 should be in by September 1, 2008.



DIOCESAN CALENDAR - MAY 2008

May 15	Annual Retreat Day for Persons who are Blind/ Sight Impaired - St. Francis Retreat Ctr., DeWitt DRE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center, 9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, 1:00 - 4:00pm	May 20	Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center, 6:30pm Diaconate Formation Board Interviews Introduction to NFP Class - St. James Parish, Mason, 10:00am - 12:00pm Family Life Advisory Committee Meeting - Diocesan Center, 5:00 - 8:00pm
May 16	We Care Seminar - St. Patrick Church, Livingston County, 6:00 - 9:00pm We Care Seminar - St. Joseph Parish, Dexter, 6:30 - 9:00pm		Protecting God's Children Awareness Session - St. Mary, Charlotte, 6:00pm Holy Trinity Student Confirmation - Ypsilanti, 7:00pm
May 17	We Care Seminar - St. Joseph Parish, Dexter, 9:00am - 12:30pm Permanent Deacon Aspirants Day of Reflection - St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, 9:00am - 4:00pm We Care Seminar - St. Patrick Church, Livingston County, 10:00am - 1:00pm St. Thomas Aquinas Confirmation - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing, 10:00am	May 21 May 22	Christ the King Confirmation - Ann Arbor, 7:00pm Diaconate Formation Board Interviews Introduction to NFP Class - Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Hamburg, 7:00 - 9:00pm Holy Rosary Confirmation - Flint, 7:00pm The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Diocesan Central Service Offices Closed - Memorial Day
May 18	The Most Holy Trinity St. Francis Confirmation - Ann Arbor, 2:00pm Sacred Heart Confirmation - Hudson, 2:00pm Solemn Vespers for Diocesan Musicians - St. Mary Cathedral, 6:00pm	May 25 May 26	Memorial Day Mass - St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Lansing, 10:00am (If inclement weather, Mass is at St. Gerard) Memorial Day Mass - Old Calvary, Flint, 10:00am (If inclement weather, Mass is at New Calvary Mausoleum)
May 19	Virtus Facilitators Meeting - Madonna Hall, 6:30pm		

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