

February 20, 2022 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

Located in the heart of the City of Lansing, the Church of the Resurrection exists to help everyone in our parish family live in the light and hope of the Resurrection. Encouraged by our experience of God's love, we help others come to know and love Jesus in a personal way. Guided by God's truth, we offer answers to life's real challenges. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we help each other become mature disciples of Christ who will utilize our gifts to spread the Good News of Jesus in word and deed.

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Saturday February 19, 2022

8:15am Int. Celeste Paget - Marianne & Mike Vasievich

Confessions after Mass until all are heard

5:00pm Ray & Rita Michaels - Gloria Sanchez Thomas

6:30pm Vespers

Sunday February 20, 2022 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am For the Parish **9:30am** Fr. David Hudgins

11:30am Gary Gurski - Wells Family

6:30pm Vespers

Monday, February 21, 2022

6:30pm Vespers

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

6:15pm Perpetual Help Devotion

6:30pm Sharlene Mufti - Friends

7:00pm-8:00pm Confessions

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

7:45am Confessions

8:15am Terrence McDowell - Barb Yaich

Thursday, February 24, 2022

7:45am Confessions

8:15am Dick Barry - Betty Murphy

Friday, February 25, 2022

7:45am Confessions

8:15am Lily Demko - Demko Family

9am-8pm Adoration

6:30pm Vespers

7pm-8pm Confessions

Saturday February 26, 2022

8:15am Ray & Rita Michaels - Friend Confessions after Mass until all are heard 5:00pm Roman Goodman - Mickie Kreft 6:30pm Vespers

Sunday February 27, 2022 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am For the Parish

9:30am Sharon Gordon - Family

11:30am Fr. Joseph Tran

6:30pm Vespers



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our deceased: Kathleen Bowen

Our sick: For all those suffering from COVID-19, and Barb Dunneback, Christine Ries, James Wilson (grandson of Ana and Geoff Henebry), Norine Van Drie, Catherine Epling, Jeanne Gaskin, Gloria Arens, Dorothy Nelson, Jim Garvie, Mike Gillenkirk, Gabe Radke, and parish family including our homebound and those in nursing homes.

Our military personnel:

1st Lt. Thomas Braga-Henebry, USMCR Tom Baldwin, Fort Benning, GA Chris Riley, Ft Worth, TX, Marines Kaleilani Kalahiki, Medical, Army Capt. Connor Caples, MD Travis AFB, CA Lt. Chris White, Washington, D.C. Erick Martinez, Afghanistan Anthony Sevenski, Navy David Hanosh Suarez, Marines Cody Eitrem, Navy Cpl. Alex Ferguson, Marines BU2 Jerald O'Neill, USNR

ROSARIES PRAYED FOR PEACE:

63,267 Total number of Rosaries prayed. Tally sheets are available at the East Entrances of Church

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For those suffering in mind, body and soul.

Please join this devotion to Our Blessed Mother.



Monday, Feb 21: Magdalena Wetmore, Jill Dening, Eileen Fischette, Vanja Tomic, Logan Harcus, Patrick Brennan, Melissa Knippen, Marc Hemingway, Constance Conley

Tuesday, Feb 22: Rosie Gomez, Kathryn Stevenson, James Divietri

Wednesday, Feb 23: Anthony Pokorski, Rosemary Buhl, James Clifford

Thursday, Feb 24: Azelie Dion, Don Radke, Amy McKenna

Friday, Feb 25: Alex Gomez, Janice Harvey **Saturday, Feb 26:** Don Sweeney, Derek Ruddock, Charles Small, Amber Gibson, Jill Jacobs, Susie Sambaer

Sunday, Feb 27: Anna DeLamielleure, Barbara Haslem, Joanna Petee, Christopher Greathouse, Lionel Koutz, Elaine Riley

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & WORKS OF MERCY

Marriage Prep: Arrangements must be made at least 9 months in advance; please call the parish office.

Infant Baptism: To register, fill out the Baptism Request Form at www.corlansing.org.

Confession: Wed-Fri 7:45am; Tues & Fri 7:00-8:00pm and Saturday 9:00am-10:00am

Daily Rosary: Wed-Sat 7:45am

Perpetual Help Devotion: Tuesdays 6:15pm

St. Monica Sodality: 2nd Saturdays 7:45am Rosary, 8:15am Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass

St Vincent de Paul Society: 1454 E. Michigan Ave; 517-371-4380. Mon & Fri 10-11am and Wed 1-3pm

St Vincent de Paul Parish Food Collection: Toilet paper, toothpaste, bar soap, laundry soap and dish soap.

Knights of Columbus Council 11099: Grand Knight John Gordon, www.corlansing.org/ministries

Project Rachel Helpline: There is help after an abortion. If you or someone you know is hurting from an abortion, call the Project Rachel Helpline 517-993-0291. **All calls are confidential.**

Unplanned pregnancy: Contact Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing 517-332-0633 or Shared Pregnancy 517-484-0365

Visitation of the Sick: If you know someone who is ill at home or in a nursing home and would like to receive communion please contact the parish office.

Low-Gluten Hosts-During Mass: You will need to come to the priest in the center aisle where he has a separate pyx with low-gluten hosts available.

Registration: If you are new to the area or would like to register please stop at the parish office: 1514 E. Michigan Ave, or website www.corlansing.org. If you are currently a registered member and would like to update your info please contact the office 517-482-4749.

Please arrive <u>20 minutes</u> before Mass and sign in

February 26 - February 27: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Extraordinary Minister	Reader
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Joseph Reynolds Mike Walsh	Patty Roboski Joanne Schutz
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Brian Fink Richard Imgrund	Tony Cherniawski Ana Braga-Henebry
Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sean O'Neill Stacia DeVries	Chris Veneklase Christopher Luea
Sunday, 11:30 AM	Jesse Flores Elaine Jones	Mitch Dobrzelewski Ginnie VanNocker

Readings for the Week of February 20, 2022		
Sunday	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ Ps 103:1-	
	2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk	
	6:27-38	
Monday	Jas 3:13-18/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ Mk 9:14 -29	
Tuesday	Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apos-	
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	1 Pt 5:1-4/ Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/ Mt 16:13	
	-19	
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr	
	Jas 4:13-17/ Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/	
	Mk 9:38-40	
Thursday	Jas 5:1-6/ Ps 49-14ab, 15cd-16, 17-18,	
	19-20/ Mk 9:41-50	
Friday	Jas 5:9-12/ Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/	
	Mk 10:1-12	
Saturday	Jas 5:13-20/ Ps 141:1-2, 3-8/ Mk 10:13-	
	16	
Sunday	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Sir 27:4-7/ Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/ 1	
	Cor 15:54-58/ Lk 6:39-45	

Reflection on My "Political Homilies"

As most people who regularly attend the Church of the Resurrection know, one of the burdens that I bear, which I believe to be from the Lord, is to be a protector and prophet in my role as pastor of this flock. I readily admit that there have been (and will surely be future) occasions when my tone and message have "crossed a line," as it were, and become too political. At least some people have claimed that, and I will agree that there have been times when I have done so. I addressed some current events at the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Mass that seemed appropos in light of Sunday's Gospel, especially when Jesus said the following: "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man." In that context, I referenced the controversy at the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor and the events in Ottawa. I mentioned that I was supportive of the truckers in their stand for freedom. If you have paid any attention to the media coverage of the Freedom Convoy, you have surely heard allegations that the "Freedom Convey" was/is made up of "insurrectionists," "Neo-Nazis," "misogynists," "White Supremacists," "racists," etc. These allegations are false. They run counter to first-hand (video) reports from the street-level. What do the protestors want? They say want the vaccination mandates to be lifted. They are doing so because they don't believe the unvaccinated should be considered second-class citizens, or "untouchables."

Not Suffering For Christ

Though I mentioned the stand-off in light of last Sunday's gospel, I made clear to say that the Truckers and their supporters were not suffering for Christ. But they are suffering for principles of what is right, just, and true. The reason it seemed appropriate to mention was that these recent events make manifest the reality of exclusion, insults, and denunciation as evil.

Suffering for Christ

We will soon, I said, be denounced because of our stand on matters of human sexuality, and they will demonize us, and seek to cancel us. I saw (and still see) the protest in Canada as a wake-up call for us that the warnings of Rod Dreher (and Alexander Solzhenitsyn) in "Live Not By Lies" are as timely as anything could be. The actions by Justin Trudeau and Doug Ford reveal a possible future for us, I said, and we do well to be sure that we live not by lies. The point, of course, is not to take power, to violently resist, but to peacefully protest, in ways that Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights movement did, to stand for what is right, just, and true, come what may. Come whatever may.

Watchtower

Please know that I am not asking nor hoping, much less expecting, members of the parish to agree with me about my political analysis. But I do feel duty-bound to warn of looming danger, as a man in a watchtower, as Ezekiel 33 makes clear. I don't always get it right, but I do feel a burden to protect, even in the medical and political context. Though I may not be "expert" in matters political, medical, climate, as your pastor (and as a prophet), I consider it my duty to bring to your attention what is transpiring in Canada right now, and to contemplate, by faith and reason, where it might well lead. A line is being crossed in Western nations, in terms of federal authority in democratic nations. And, as has been the case here around Covid-19, there seems to be a coordinated attempt to demonize the "opposition" and to speak falsely about them in order to get them (and the entire nation) to "get on board" with the "proper, acceptable" way of thinking. In ways that becoming quite clear, but were only hinted at before, governments are monitoring Facebook posts. I was horrified by a video a woman took of a Provincial Police representative in Ontario coming to her home in Ontario to tell her (based on her membership in a Facebook group that supports the Freedom Convoy) that she has the right to peacefully protest.

It doesn't take a conspiracy theorist to infer that the explicit text of what she spoke said she was free, the subtext quite clear: *Your Facebook posts and membership are being monitored by the government.*

Seeking a Proper Balance

The last time that I ventured into such contentious territory was in May of this past year. I was angered by the coercive press of those who were seeking to get everyone vaccinated, including children. I pressed hard, and my tone was admittedly sinful, arrogant, and dismissive. As those who receive my parish emails know, I acknowledged that in an email I sent out on May 7, 2021, which included the following paragraphs:

These past few days some of you have emailed to express concerns about my comments prior to (and after) Masses this past Sunday. After some time of prayer and reflection, I am emailing all of you to express my regrets that I chose to make those comments in the surround of the Mass rather than in a different context. I also want to acknowledge the offensive attitudes of pride with which I spoke. Many of you know that I believe that the Lord has given me a charism of prophecy, and I think that the gift has helped me preach effectively and well (at least sometimes!) This moment has been an invitation to me to recommit myself to heeding the Lord more, because I desire to use all my gifts in ways that build up the Body, guard the flock, and point always to the Lord and his healing love. I'm afraid that I have sometimes (I suspect all too often) gotten in the way of the faithful hearing the Lord because I can be so loud. I'm very sorry about that

I concluded the email this way:

My comments, alas, were rudely dismissive of differences of opinion and I oversimplified the question. Ironically, what I said was coercive, since I failed to honor and acknowledge the freedom of those who hold different views or choose different paths from the one I've discerned for myself. I got carried away by my concerns, and allowed my anger (and arrogance) to guide my words and tone. Please forgive me.

And, if you would, please pray for those who were alienated by my words, tone, and actions this past weekend or who might have been hurt by me on previous occasions, that they will not be hindered in their relationship with the God of love, who, thanks be to God, allows us to always begin again.

With prayers for wisdom and grace,

Father Steve

Where Things Stand Now

As I have prayerfully reflected on my homily, I do not feel need to apologize for what I said. I am happy to talk with anyone who has concerns or questions about what I said. I covet your prayers for me, as I continue to seek the Lord's leading in these challenging, dangerous times. I believe that, with faith, hope, and love, we do well to prayerfully prepare for potential monitoring, denunciations, and exclusions based on our moral positions that are not acceptable to the "Global Elites," such as those who are under the sway of Klaus Schwab and the World Economic Forum. In my homily, I mentioned the World Economic Forum's boo, The Great Narrative, and I invite those who are skeptical of my concerns to take a look at their plans for you, me, and all the world. I say that not to scare you, but to invite you to be skeptical of efforts by local, state, and federal officials to "ensure your safety and health." That's how authoritarian regimes get their power. Just see what's happening in Canada today. All in the name of safety and security. We are the ones who hold to the true "Great Narrative," which is centered on the Paschal Mystery. We are bearers of the Gospel, which is for all men and women, and guides us into all truth, the truth that can set us free. May we never shrink back, but boldly proclaim the truth as we find it in Christ. Come, Holy Spirit!

With continued prayers for wisdom and grace,

Father Steve

There's still time!! 100th Year Directory Photos

Directory photos will be taking place in Mercy Hall on February 14-19th and February 21-26th. Please note that walk-ins are not available. You must sign-up for a time online. Visit https://ucdir.com/ to sign-up. The church code is mi1631 and the password is photos. You can also access all of this information, including more detailed instructions, on our website at www.corlansing.org. We're grateful to tell you that all those who have their picture taken will get a free directory, and a free 8" x 10" photo. You will have the opportunity (without a sales pitch) to purchase more, should you so desire. Don't miss your chance to be a part of our 100th year directory!!

Ash Wednesday Masses

8:15am 12:00pm 6:30pm

In Need of Palms

If you have leftover palms from last year, please consider bringing them to the Church in preparation of Ash Wednesday.

Knights of Columbus News

If you are a parent of a student at Resurrection you may have noticed the Knights of Columbus and the amount of interaction we have with the school. If you would like to join the Knights at Resurrection to participate you can join for free membership by going to http://www.kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html and by enter-

ing **MCGIVNEY2020** in the box that asks for the promo code you can get free membership until June 30th, 2022.

You can also use the QR code below with your cell phone.



Band of Brothers

Wednesday Evenings, 7:30pm in Mercy Hall

We invite the men of the parish to join Fr Steve for the screening of the HBO Series Band of Brothers beginning this coming Wednesday evening at 7:30 in Mercy Hall. The series is powerful in many ways, and we will encourage those who attend to engage in discussions after each week about the insights into the virtues and vices, strengths and weaknesses of the characters that are so vividly conveyed throughout the series. This viewing is for the men of the parish. Given the mature themes, we recommend that those attending these evenings be at least 18 years old, though if fathers wish to bring younger sons with them, we will respect their judgment on that.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Lansing Lions Club and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church are co-sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, February 22nd from 11:00 am to 4:45 pm. To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code HolyTrinity) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Appointments are strongly recommended, since walk-ins have to be turned away if all donation slots for the relevant time period are filled.

Holy Trinity is just about a mile northeast of Resurrection at the corner of Saginaw and Marshall (1701 E. Saginaw St.).

The Work of Christ Evening for Married Couples:

The Work of Christ Community is having a special evening for married couples on Friday, February 25, 2022 at the Work of Christ Center on Hagadorn Rd. in East Lansing. We will gather at 7:30 to enjoy some nice desserts. About 8:00 our very own Sean and Liz O'Neill will give a presentation on serving God together as a married couple. After this will be plenty of time for chatting and sipping port. There is no charge for this event. Think of it as an enjoyable date night with a bunch of your friends.

Altar Society News



The Altar Society is grateful to the following parish members that volunteered to help with the pictorial directory sign ups: Susan Ayers, Cindi and Bill Currie, Jenn Galer, Christina and James Heine, Katie Kuch, Olga Sweeney and Mickie Kreft. Thank you to all who have signed up! If you have not yet signed up (it will only take 10-20 minutes), please call the parish office at 517.482.4749 to schedule your appointment.

A huge "Thank you " to all who made our Pasty Sale a great success. The production team of Carol Doll, Maxine Murdoch, Sue Nehf, Christina Heine, Michelle Mattson, Mickie Kreft, Michelle Leyko, and Cindi Currie were invaluable in their time and efforts to prepare and assemble the pasties. Due to the generous donations from MEIJER (Lake Lansing Rd), SAM'S, and FRESH THYME MARKET, all ingredient costs were covered. Please patronize these stores in appreciation of their support. Of course, we thank all who purchased the pasties. Bon Appetit!

Rummage Sale

Clean out your closets: the Altar Society is hosting an Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, March 5, from 9:00-2:00pm in Mercy hall.

The popular Sloppy Joe lunch will be served from 11:00-1:00pm. Other refreshments will be available all day.

You may drop your items off to the hall on Friday, March 4, beginning at 9:00am until 7:00pm. No items will be accepted on Saturday, March 3rd. We are also unable to accept furniture.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

Your love is unique in all the world! Celebrate that love by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt April 1-3, 2022. For questions, contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 517-667-0433. Apply today at wwme.org



40 Days for Life Spring Campaign (March 2 - April 10) is just around the corner! Help save lives in Lansing, and join the Prayer Vigil to end Abortion! Make your appointment with God to pray One Hour each week!

There are two ways to sign up:

-Go to 40daysforlife.com/lansing or

-Contact our Weekday Coordinators listed below and they will assist you.

Monday Coordinator: Celeste Paget

517-282-0694

Tuesday Coordinator: Brittany Schwend

517-643-4626

Wednesday Coordinator: Jenny Nicholson

517-321-1597

Thursday Coordinator: Britteny Papic

248-917-1225

Friday Coordinator: Barb Tabit 517-715-9238

40 Days for Life Lansing Coordinator:

Chris Veneklase

40DaysforLifeLansing@gmail.com 365

Vigil Coordinator:

Brent Heyer 517-894-4334

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you..."



Hosting International Students at LCHS

Host families are needed for international students who will attend Lansing Catholic High School next school year. Families who host international students are also provided with a monthly stipend. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Lorrie at lschartow@flag-intl.org or 517-303-9671.

Mark your Calendars!

What: Spring Musical Production of "A

Technicolor Promise" - a 1-act cantata which tells

the biblical story of Noah's ark.

Who: Resurrection School K-8 students

When: Friday, May 20th at 6:30 pm & Saturday,

May 21st at 3 pm

Where: Resurrection School Gym

Tickets will go on sale in April - don't miss this spectacular showcase of young talent at our parish school!

We're also looking for adult volunteers to help with many aspects of our show - if you're handy with a needle and thread, a makeup brush, or a hammer, we want you on our team! Please contact Guine Christian at gchristian@corlansing.org



2022 DSA temporary employment

The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lansing is seeking candidates for temporary employment at its Lansing office. Responsibilities will include data entry and charitable gift processing; paid training will be provided. Training will begin the week of March 14 and scheduled hours may continue through June 2022. Shifts of 4 to 8 hours, Monday - Friday may be scheduled and part-time or full-time options will be considered subject to availability of qualified candidates. Candidates with availability beginning after March 14th may also be considered.

If you are interested, or if you know of anyone who would be interested in data entry work who has availability 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday - Friday, please contact Julie Gill, Donor Services Manager of The Catholic Foundation, at 517-253-8792 or donorservices@dioceseoflansing.org





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