



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



### CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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**Sunday, December 14, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**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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Behold,  
I am sending  
my messenger  
ahead of you;  
he will prepare  
your way  
before you.  
Matthew 11:10



**Saturday, December 13, 2025**

**8:15am** Abel Reyes—Family  
**8:45am-9:30am** Confessions  
**5:00pm** Int. Bill & Donna Motz—Anita Garber

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**9:00am** Catherine Epling—Parish  
**11:00am \*\*\*Novus Ordo Latin Mass\*\*\*** Abel Reyes—Family  
**5:00pm** The Parish  
**8:00pm** Compline Night Prayer

**Monday, December 15, 2025**

**7:45am** Confessions  
**8:15am** Al Yarrington—Richard & Stephanie Imgrund

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

**No Mass or Confession**

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025**

**7:00am \*\*\*Rorate Mass\*\*\*** Sean O'Neill Sr.—Parish Staff  
**5:45pm** Perpetual Help Devotion  
**6:00pm** Int. Guettler Family—Family  
**6:30pm** Confessions

**Thursday, December 18, 2025**

**7:45am** Confessions  
**8:15am** Pamela Reniger—Kerr Family

**Friday, December 19, 2025**

**7:45am** Confessions  
**8:15am** Sue Ann Earley—Gary Earley  
**5:30-6:30pm** Confessions

**Saturday, December 20, 2025**

**8:15am** Int. Richard & Stephanie Imgrund for their anniversary—Their children  
**8:45am-9:30am** Confessions  
**5:00pm** Don Gardner—Jane Collinson

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**9:00am** Patricia Ann Dokhota Mogg—Family  
**11:00am** Int. Mary Stanewich—Mickie Kreft  
**5:00pm** The Parish

**Novus Ordo Latin Mass**

The next Novus Ordo Latin Mass will be on Sunday, January 11, 2026.

*pray*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Our sick:** Lenny Bartold, Don West, Mary Zavala, Gabe Radke, and parish family including our homebound and those in nursing homes.

**Our military personnel:**

Capt. Thomas Braga-Henebry, USMCR  
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**ROSARIES PRAYED FOR PEACE:**

76,331 total number of Rosaries prayed. Tally sheets are available at the East Entrances of Church.

**LIVING ROSARY INTENTION FOR DECEMBER**

For hearts, to receive the coming Lord and Savior of the world.

**\*\*\*If you arrive to Mass late, please use the Southeast door of the Church.\*\*\***

Happy  
 Birthday

**Monday, December 15:** Jaclyn Carbone, Rose Luea, Rebekah Bloomfield, Bill Richardson, Patricia Nischan, Samuel Cairns, Alexandra Pilar Delgado, Ken Harvey

**Tuesday, December 16:** Michelle Comstock, Agatha Iocco

**Wednesday, December 17:** Alana Curtin, Collin Curtin, Mackenzie Martinsen

**Thursday, December 18:** Sage Blackwood, Caleb LaPorte, Brian Goulet, Matthew Hanley, Linda Spataro, Joe Gulock

**Friday, December 19:** Dorothy Clark, Elijah Ames, Jessica Kennedy, John Lavagnino

**Saturday, December 20:** Emilia Mattson, Gus Demko, Josh Carlin, Patricia Divietri

**Sunday, December 21:** Ruth Patino, Gabe Fink, Eleia Giles, Casey Wood



# 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](http://www.corlansing.org).

**Confession:** Mon, Thurs, and Fri 7:45am; Wed 6:30-7:30pm; Fri 5:30-6:30pm and Saturday 8:45-9:30am

**Daily Rosary:** Monday, Thurs-Sat 7:40am

**Perpetual Help Devotion:** Wednesdays at 5:45pm

**St. Monica Sodality:** 2nd Saturdays 7:40am 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 Chris Hanson, [www.corlansing.org/ministries](http://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 SP Women's Center at 517-484-1882.

**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](http://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 20 minutes before Mass and sign in.

December 20-21, 2025

	Extraordinary Minister	Reader
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	NOT FILLED - 1 Diana Repichowski - 2	Brady Stevenson - 1 Patricia Nischan - 2
<b>Sunday, 9:00 AM</b>	Fred Christopherson - 1 Brian Fink - 2	Brian Goulet - 1 Cristin Luea - 2
<b>Sunday, 11:00 AM</b>	NOT FILLED - 1 Jim Mattson - 2	Christopher Lewis - 1 John Day - 2
<b>Sunday, 5:00 PM</b>	NOT FILLED - 1 NOT FILLED - 2	NOT FILLED - 1 NOT FILLED - 2

## Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 14, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
<b>Monday</b>	Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
<b>Tuesday</b>	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32
<b>Wednesday</b>	Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
<b>Friday</b>	Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### Hearts Filled with Joy

On this *Gaudete Sunday*, my heart is filled with joy for God's goodness to us this year. Thank you for your prayerful support of our ministry, and your commitment to spiritual growth, spreading the Gospel, and ministering to those in need. The Lord has blessed us richly, and I hope and pray that we will continue to grow in our ability to worship God well, grow in holiness, and serve others in love, as we enjoy the new year in our Lord's favor. We light the rose candle and I wear rose vestments, as we celebrate that the Lord is drawing nearer. Come, Lord Jesus!

### Rorate Mass December 17th at 7:00 a.m.

This Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m., we will celebrate a special *Rorate Mass* by candlelight in addition to our normal Masses. *The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn. The interplay of light and darkness speaks to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world. The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8: "Rorate, Caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem." "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior."*

*The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ. The readings and prayers of the Mass foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel, and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord. We will have our usual 6:00 p.m. Mass Wednesday evening, followed by confessions and Benediction.*

### Ember Days

A few years ago, we handed out copies of *Eat, Fast, Feast*, which describes the spiritual benefits of fasting. One of the way to mark the changing of the seasons, and to prepare for the Feasting of various times of the year is through the celebration of "Ember Days." Fr. John Hardon S.J. wrote the following entry in his *Modern Catholic Dictionary*:

*Three days set apart for fasting, abstinence, and prayer during each of the four seasons of the year. They were the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after St. Lucy (or Lucia, d. 304) (December 13), the First Sunday*

*of Lent, Pentecost, and the feast of the Holy Cross (September 14). Since the revision of the Roman calendar in 1969, Ember Days are to be observed at the discretion of the National Conference of Bishops. Moreover, their observance may be extended beyond three days and even repeated during the year. Possibly occasioned by the agricultural feasts of ancient Rome, they came to be observed by Christians for the sanctification of the different seasons of the year, and for obtaining God's blessing on the clergy to be ordained during the Ember tides. (Etym. Anglo-Saxon *oemerge*, ashes.)*

One way to remember when the Ember Days are is a little rhyme that specifies the four times per year we're invited to fast: "Lenty, Penty, Crucy, Lucy." (Lent, Pentecost, the Exaltation of the Cross, and St. Lucy.) Though we are no longer bound to these periods of fasting, practicing them is helpful to our preparation for Christmas, and to our growth as Christians. The minimal guidelines according to the 1962 norms are as follows:

- One day of fasting with partial abstinence on Wednesday
- One day of fasting with complete abstinence on Friday
- A third day of fasting with partial abstinence on Ember Saturday

I encourage us, as possible, to mark these days by fast and abstinence. The more we fast, the more celebratory Feasts become.

### Extraordinary Form Night Prayer (12/14 at 8:00 p.m.)

This evening, we will conclude the weekend by praying *Compline*. There will be a musical prelude at 8:00, and we will conclude around 8:45. Come, join us and pray in the week. It's a beautiful time of prayer and song.

### Communal Penance Service

Today (Sunday, December 14), there is a communal penance service at St. Thomas Aquinas at 1:30 p.m. Our "Lansing North" group of parishes will have a combined communal penance service on Monday evening, December 15th. It will be held at St. Therese (102 N. Randolph, Lansing, MI 48906) and will begin at 7:00 p.m. If that date and time doesn't work for you, you can check "masstimes.org" to find local area confession times or check our website for times here. Let's prepare well for Christ's coming.

### Rejoicing that the Lord is near,

Fr. Steve



# TWELFTH NIGHT

**JANUARY 10**  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM  
EVENT BEGINS AT 6:30PM

Join us for an evening of songs, music and poetry, and abundant food & drink that will inspire and entertain in equal measure.

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## K of C Euchre Parties

The Knights of Columbus at Resurrection are hosting Euchre parties in the parish hall planned for Tuesdays January 13th, and February 10th. Remember it's \$10 to play and bring a small dish to pass! Come and enjoy the fellowship and cards. The Knights will supply plates, cutlery and pop. Doors open at 6:00pm with the games starting about 6:30pm.



## St. Gerard Christmas Day Dinner

St. Gerard is sponsoring a sit down Christmas Dinner in a friendly atmosphere for those who will be alone on Christmas.

**When:** Christmas Day, December 25 at 12:30pm

**Where:** Fr. Weber Hall

**Call:** (517) 323-2379 or use the QR code to reserve a place and, if needed, to arrange for transportation. Reservations requiring transportation will be taken through December 19, 2025.



If you can volunteer, email [Sean.Gehle@trinity-health.org](mailto:Sean.Gehle@trinity-health.org) or call (248) 225-7240.

## Resurrection Kindergarten Roundup

*Forming Disciples of Christ Since 1926*

Resurrection School is excited to announce our 2026 Kindergarten Roundup, which will take place on **Thursday, January 22nd from 6:00pm-7:00pm.** We are anticipating a full class this year, so please call the School Office today (517-487-0439) to reserve your place at Kindergarten Roundup.

Here are the Kindergarten Roundup Details: All parish and school families with children entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2026 are invited to attend Resurrection School's Kindergarten Roundup. Families will be given a tour of the school and time to ask any questions they may have. Students will meet Mrs. Starrak and have time to explore the Kindergarten Room.

We highly encourage all families with children turning 5 on or before September 1, 2026 to attend, wherever you are in the educational discernment process. Call the School Office at (517) 487-0439 with any questions and to reserve your place at Kindergarten Roundup!

*Resurrection School partners with families to provide a nurturing Catholic environment, focused on academic excellence, where students grow into disciples who know, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

On Christmas Eve, December 24th, there will be Mass at 5:00pm and 12:00 midnight.

Christmas morning Mass will be at 10:00am on December 25th.

December 31st Mass will be at 5:00pm and 10:30pm, followed by adoration.

On January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Mass will be at 10:00am.

### Holiday Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed: December 24th, 25th, and 26th for the Christmas holiday. We will also be closed on December 31st, January 1st, and January 2nd for the New Year holiday.



## WE ARE HIRING! PART TIME COOKS

Cooks are responsible for preparing and cooking food for events on site and supervising serving staff. Scheduling is flexible.

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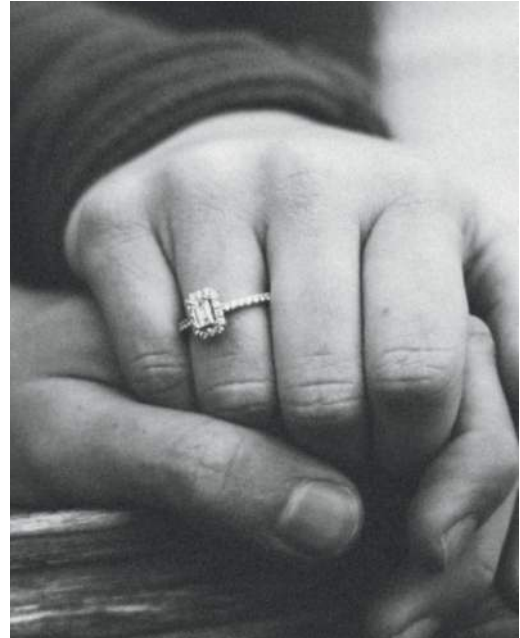


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### Engaged Couples Retreat



Prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony! This retreat on January 9-10, 2026 offers time away for couples to grow deeper in their faith and love for each other and satisfies aspects of the Diocese of Lansing marriage catechumenate. This retreat includes:

- Theological and practical presentations
- Blessing of the Couples & Vigil Mass
- A special couples dinner on Saturday
- A ballroom dance lesson from Louis Soma of Our Dance Studio

Speakers include Fr. Bob Irish, Fr. Peter Ludwig, and Fr. Gary Koenigsknecht.

The suggested donation is \$250. Retreat takes place at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, Michigan. Scan the QR code for more information, call 517-669-8321 or email [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws)/engaged.



### Scrip

The next Scrip sale will be Thursday, January 15th from 2:45-4:15pm in Mercy Hall. If you would like to pre-order cards, please do so by 9am on Thursday, January 8th. To pre-order Kroger, Apple Market, and Soup Spoon cards, or if you have any questions, please email Nicole at [nlavagnino@corlansing.org](mailto:nlavagnino@corlansing.org).



## Christmas Flower Donations



Donations are now being accepted for the Church of the Resurrection Christmas flower decorations.

If you are paying with cash or check, please complete the form below, clip it out, and return it along with your donation in the Sunday collection basket. You can alternatively drop it off at the Parish Office no later than Monday, January 5, 2026. Please make your check payable to: **Church of the Resurrection** with "Flowers" on the memo line.

If you wish to make an electronic donation, please complete the form below, clip it out, and return it in the Sunday collection basket, or to the parish office. You can make your donation to the Altar Society electronically by visiting our website, [corlansing.org](http://corlansing.org).

The memorial announcement flyer will be displayed in the church the weekend of January 17, 2026.

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