

PARISH APPRECIATION &



Join us for a Parish Appreciation/Mardi Gras Party

*As a thank you for all you do and who you are as a member of
Holy Family, we are hosting a party to celebrate!
All ages welcome!*



February 22, 2020
After 5pm Mass



Free Food, Beverages, DJ, and Dancing,

*Traditional Polish Dinner including Homemade
Kapusta, Kielbasa, Pierogies, and Golumbski!*



Holy Family Mass/Weekly Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00am

W-Fri: 9:00am

Adoration: Thurs: 9:30am-7pm

Sacraments:

Baptism & Sacrament of Matrimony: (616) 891-9259

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

Office Hours: 8:30-4:30 M-Th, Fri 8:30-12:00

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Website: www.holyfamilycaledonia.org

Pastor: Fr. Loc Trinh

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What's happening at Holy Family.....

February 2020

- 2/1 Sonrise Men's Adoration and Prayer Group 6am
- 2/3 Young Adult Meeting 6:30pm
- 2/4 Adoptive Parent Support Group 6pm
SoulCore 7pm
- 2/5 TMIY 6:15am
- 2/6 Caregiver Support Group 10am
TMIY 6:15pm
- 2/8 Sonrise Men's Adoration and Prayer Group 6am
Mass/Baptism 5pm
- 2/9 Holy Family Breakfast Buffet after 9am Mass
Mass/Baptism 11am Mass
- 2/10 Young Adult Meeting 6:30pm
- 2/11 Food Pantry Self Shop 4-5:30pm
Order of Secular Franciscans 7pm
SoulCore 7pm
- 2/12 TMIY 6:15am
- 2/13 Food Pantry Self Shop 10-11:30am
TMIY 6:15pm
- 2/15 Sonrise Men's Adoration and Prayer Group 6am
Parish Mission Meet & Greet 6pm
- 2/16 Top of the Hill Gang 12:15pm
Parish Mission 6pm
- 2/17 Rosary 6:15pm
Parish Mission 7pm
- 2/18 SoulCore 7pm
- 2/19 TMIY 6:15am
Widow/Widower Mass and Gathering 9am
Council of Catholic Women General Member Mtg 12pm
- 2/20 TMIY 6:15pm
- 2/22 Sonrise Men's Adoration and Prayer Group 6am
Parish Appreciation/Mardi Gras following 5pm Mass
- 2/24 Young Adult Meeting 6:30pm
- 2/25 SoulCore 7pm
- 2/26 TMIY 6:15am
Ash Wednesday 7am, 12:15pm, 7pm
- 2/27 TMIY 6:15pm
Knights of Columbus General Membership Meeting 7pm
- 2/28 Soup Supper 6pm
Stations of the Cross 7pm
- 2/29 Sonrise Men's Adoration and Prayer Group 6am

!!NEW!! Class/Event Cancellation

Holy Family will decide if an evening activity or if the office is closed based on each individual instance. We are no longer following Caledonia schools cancellations. Cancellation announcements will be sent to media approximately 2 hours before start times and can be found on WOODTV, WOTV, WWMT, WZZM AND FOX 17. Sign up for text/email alerts on WOODTV.

Cancellation announcements will also be posted on Facebook, the front sign and the Holy Family website.



Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross

Join us beginning February 28 for 6 Friday's of yummy soup at 6pm followed with Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

If you would like to volunteer to help with serving and clean-up we can always use your help. Contact Kim Buehler at parishlife@holyfamilycaledonia.org if interested.

Whether you are a visitor or new to our parish, interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or an active member of our parish

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Holy Family Parish Mission Statement
We are called as a family to know, love and serve God.

Ash Wednesday - February 26 7am, 12:15pm and 7pm



Lent is the time before Easter during which the faithful abstain and fast in remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made on Calvary. It is a 40-day time of preparation before Easter, the memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus. There are two main ways that Catholics use to focus on growing closer to God during the Lenten season: abstinence and fasting.

Who should be fasting? Those ages 18 - 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Canon 97). On such days, those fasting may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength. However, together, the smaller meals should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not encouraged, but liquids are allowed.

What is Abstinence? During Lent, we encouraged to undertake some sort of personal penance or abstinence. Examples include giving up sweets, a favorite TV show or not listening to the radio in the car on the way to work. Giving up these things isn't some sort of endurance test, but these acts are done to draw the faithful closer to Christ.

Top of the Hill Gang



All parishioners 55+ are welcome to join us on the 3rd Sunday of the month for a pot-luck and fellowship, just bring a dish to pass and a place setting (main dish is supplied). Contact the parish office for more information.

Top of the Hill Gang won't be meeting in the month of December, but feel free to join us after the first of the year.

Next Pot-luck: Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 12:15pm

Holding Our Military Personnel & Their Families in Prayer



Help us provide prayer support and recognition for the men and women of Holy Family and our loved ones who are serving in active duty in the United States Armed Forces. If you have a family member or close friend serving in active duty whom we could prayerfully support for their health, well-being and safe return, please contact the parish office. We would also like to post a list on our military board in Ministry Hallway. Please provide the name, rank and branch of service of your loved one(s). If you have a photo of him or her please submit this to the parish office so we can add it to our board as well (4"x6" preferred).



We are all stewards - managers of the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our challenge as Christians

is to make effective use of those gifts. Our Shepherds—Our Future Capital Campaign is in full swing. Our parish goal is \$1,288,000.00 to be collected over the next 3 years of the campaign. Please review the campaign material, you have received in the mail, pray about your response, and continue to spread the positive message about this important effort.

If you haven't received a packet please call the parish office and we will get one to you.

Please turn in your pledge card with your response so we can close out our campaign.



Are you juggling the challenges of life, health, career AND caring for an aging parent, grandparent, spouse or friend?

If so, you may want to attend a *Nourish Caregiver Support meeting* which provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, useful tools and shared experiences, all with a Christ-centered view. Discover the blessings that come from caring for another.

Come, and BE NOURISHED!
Join us for our Caregiver Support Group!
First Thursday of every month

Next meeting is Feb 6th

New time: 10:00 a.m.*

***Please call the parish office to RSVP or if this day/time is not convenient for your schedule**



Holy Family to Celebrate 50 Years in 2020!

Holy Family Parish will be celebrating 50 years in the year of 2020! Throughout this year you will see and hear many things about our parish; how it was formed, who was involved, who our founders are and many fun stories! Watch the upcoming newsletters and bulletins; we will be highlighting some of our founding families that are still parishioners today! Our second installment is below. Two of our founding families were interviewed for this article; Clem Andrusiak and Don Aldrich. We hope you will enjoy the stories of our history!

Clem Andrusiak when asked about family and the new church said in the beginning the church didn't have the kneelers in place, but it was exciting to have a new parish and new vitality amongst the parish family. Clem and Roberta Grace started their ministry in 1963 at St. Mary's. Roberta converted to Catholicism when she attended Eastern Michigan University. Roberta and I decided that we would trade off. One would be involved in church and one would take care of family. We had 5 boys and a girl; John, Richard, Michael, Joseph, Robb and Ann Marie. Roberta was involved with assisting with the census for the new church. That's how we met Bob Powers. We had just moved into the area and we would drive around the neighborhoods and see if you were Catholic. Fr. Schafer had us doing that.

Michael is the only one still remaining at Holy Family. Robb goes to St. Roberts and I have them scattered all over. There is one in Ypsilanti, one in Saginaw, John who is an organist. He was a pastoral associate and has been an organist all of his life. He started here at Holy Family in high school. Roberta played piano and encouraged John to be an organist. He still plays today. Bill Mervau said when he heard John play here that we should shackle him to the organ so he couldn't leave.

When Roberta was busy with church he would stay home with the kids. In 1967 Clem joined the K of C in Clyde Park. He was the head of the Squires group for 2 years, which is the junior group ages 13-17. The Squires group is still alive, but the difficult part is getting the involvement before they get involved in sports.

Roberta was in charge of the Altar boys at St. Mary's. Especially with all of the boys we had, we took care of a large part of it.

Don Aldrich also came from St. Mary's. They first attended St. Francis and moved to Caledonia in 1954 where they started attending St. Mary's. Don was married to Alice Bechtel and they had 5 children, Roberta, Deborah, Timothy, Denise and Jeffrey. Don converted to Catholicism in 1951, right after they got married. Jerry Anderson was his sponsor.

When asked about their involvement in the church, Don said he was involved with the building of the new parish. They first started with the survey of St. Mary's, St. Patrick and St. Joseph's to find out who was interested in the new church. Fr. Shafer spearheaded this project and Don and Alice worked with Gary Durkee, Bob Wright, Phil Joyce and Gilbert Rich. We found out that the majority of St. Patrick's didn't want a new church because they had a very deep attachment to their parish. St. Mary's and St. Joseph's did have an interest.

Don was part of the men's club that was started and met at the local American Legion Club. The K of C didn't exist in Caledonia yet. They did many of the things the Knights do now. They helped plant the sod for the new church, they hosted the Mother/Daughter breakfast, and also started the coffee after Mass. Alice started the soup suppers at Holy Family. She continued with the suppers until her health failed, over 27+ years. Alice used to bowl at Middlevilla on a women's team and that's how the Holy Family Sunday bowling league was formed and lasted for over 20 years. Don and Clem are still bowling out at Spectrum Lanes in a seniors league.

Clem was a lector for 17 years, is currently a Eucharistic Minister, was on the pastoral council and was the president 3 times. He was also instrumental in a couple of the building additions. One of his proudest memories was when he organized the burning of the mortgage party. This meant the parish was finally debt free. Clem was also a Grand Knight in 1982.

We asked about the parking lot not being completed for the first Mass on Christmas Eve (1970) and some folks vehicles got stuck in the mud. Don said he would clean the church and always had muddy footprints to clean up. Don also organized and maintained a Catholic Magazine Rack and continued this ministry for over 35 years.



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After the church was built there were at least 500 families that came from St. Mary's and St. Joseph's. This church was always very friendly.

Don described the church back then as being a Holy Family "Family" and feels it still is today. They had a festival with a horse drawn wagon for rides. The festival was open to the community and was a money maker. Don and Clem both used to help with the chicken dinners and felt these were a way to help get the community together.

Clem feels that one of the roles Holy Family played in community was having the tabernacle in the chapel so that high school students could come into the church and have concerts and other activities. Holy Family was a central point of community activities back in the '70's.

Don feels that Right to Life is probably one of the biggest roles and also the 4th of July in helping serve in the community. His favorite memories of the times was him leading The Stations of the Cross and the Rosary every Sunday in May.

What does Holy Family mean to you right now? Clem's response was my mom sort of molded me and my family. We went to Mass every Sunday regardless of where we were.

Forty-Six Days of Lent?

When we count the number of days between Ash Wednesday and Easter, we find forty-six. Then, why do we say there are forty days of Lent? If we subtract the six Sundays in Lent, then we are left with forty days. Does that mean Sundays do not count as a Lenten day where we are bound to our Lenten practices? Not really.



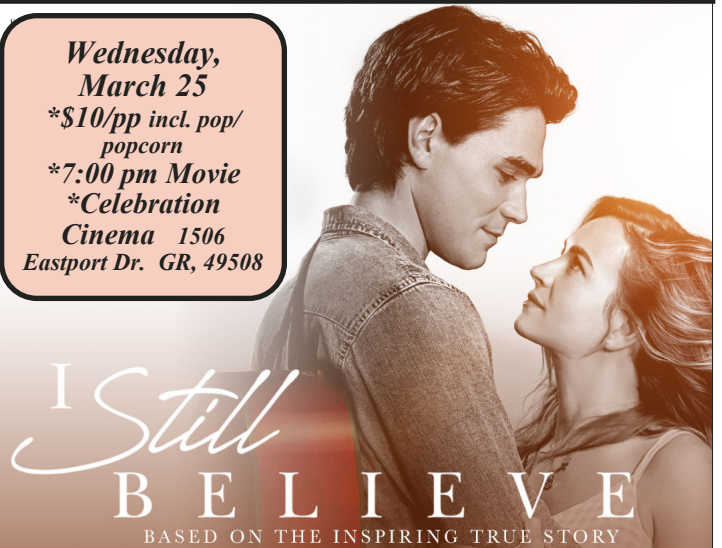
Somewhere around the Middle Ages, the Church required the faithful to fast* (eat only one main meal a day) and abstain from meat and eggs for forty days. On Sunday, the Lord's Day, the faithful were not bound to keep the fast. They could eat three full meals, but they still observed their other Lenten practices. For example: If a person gave up cake for Lent, he would still abstain from it on Sunday. Or if a person resolved to pray the rosary each day during Lent, he would still pray it on Sundays. The faithful fasted and abstained for forty days, but observed Lent for the duration of the Lenten season (which has varied through the years since the early Christians).

Sundays are part of the penitential season. Forty days in biblical times simply denotes an important event: the exact number of days is not intended to be taken literally. We are free to choose and voluntarily carry out our Lenten disciplines, so we can design our personal plan to accommodate Sundays, or any day, if we wish. Thoughtful consideration for our commitments during Lent can help us enter more deeply into the spirit and richness of the season. Blessings on your Lenten journey!

*(In more recent years, rather than require the fast, the Church has come to strongly encourage the faithful to fast voluntarily. Ash Wednesday, and Fridays during Lent remain the only days where fasting is required.)

Join Us For a Movie at Celebration Cinema

**Wednesday,
March 25**
*\$10/pp incl. pop/
popcorn
*7:00 pm Movie
*Celebration
Cinema 1506
Eastport Dr. GR, 49508



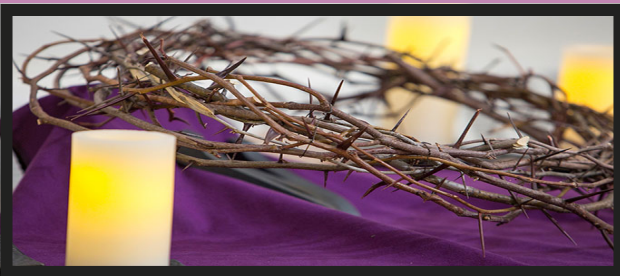
From the creators of **I Can Only Imagine** comes an inspiring love story for the ages: **I STILL BELIEVE**, based on the real-life story of chart-topping singer Jeremy Camp.

Stay tuned for information on how to purchase tickets.

Holy Family Cemetery's

- **St. Mary's Cemetery** located on Kraft Ave. near the airport.
- **St. Patrick Cemetery** located on 92nd St. just east of Saskatoon Golf Course.
- **St. Joseph Cemetery** located on the corner of Patterson Ave. and 146th Ave.

Call the parish office to inquire about parishioner rates for plots in our cemeteries.



Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Choose one, choose all, and choose to grow closer to Jesus this Lent!

Meta·noia

Webster's Dictionary Definition: A transformative change of heart: *especially* a spiritual conversion

The Lenten Study this year is called METANOIA – (which is an invitation to repent, to change, or to be converted)

This 10-part series features Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan University and founder of The Ministry of the Wild Goose. This is the same priest who provided the meditations on our Advent/Christmas reflection CD. Those who enjoyed his prior series, *The Wild Goose*, describe him as entertaining, inspiring, easy to listen to with a little humor sprinkled throughout, and delivering a message that leaves you wanting to watch the next video.

This latest series with Fr. Pivonka invites each of us on a journey and to turn away from the lies and sin of the world, so that we might discover a deeper union with Christ.

Our goal is to have every parishioner have the opportunity to watch this inspiring series. It is being offered free of charge, and pre-registration is not required. Come as often as you can.

Sessions will be held at the following times:

- *Sunday: 10:10 am-10:50 am, St. Mary's East
- *Monday: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm, Parish Library
- *Thursday: 10:00 am-11 am, Parish Library

Classes begin Sunday, Feb 23; Monday, Feb 24; & Thursday Feb, Feb 27.

If interested, but cannot attend these times, call Lori @ the office.



Young Adults:

Join us Monday Evenings
7:00-8:00 for **Metanoia**



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Join us in the library to discuss the readings of the upcoming Sunday Mass & *deepen your faith.*
Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am | Begins March 4th

Calling all Men!

We invite you to make a commitment this Lent to come check out ***That Man is You!*** Learn why over 90% of men say TMIY positively impacts their spiritual life and makes him a better husband and/or father.



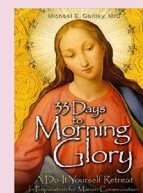
For your convenience an evening session has been added.

Wednesdays | 6:15 AM-7:15 AM | Holy Family Center
or Thursdays | 6:15 PM-7:15 PM | Parish Library

Is God Nudging you to learn more about this amazing program?

Consecration to Jesus through Mary

By means of Marian consecration, we give ourselves to Mary to be formed into the image of her Son, Jesus. This will take you to the heart of Jesus through Mary by learning about four spiritual giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta & Pope St. John Paul II.



Meets Weekly for 6 weeks to prepare for your Consecration on ***The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13.***

All Participants will need the book, *33 days to Morning Glory* by Fr. Gaitley so plan ahead; order it on line or borrow it from a nearby library. Notify the office if you need assistance.

Thursdays, April 2 through May 7

**Meets in Room #1 at two different times for your convenience:
9:30 am-10:30 am or 6:00 pm-7:00 pm**

Don't miss this amazing opportunity!

Don't miss our Parish Mission with Fr. Leo February 15-17 See further details on Page 8

Thank you to all who supported those going on the March for Life trip by purchasing baked good, treasures or made a donation. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus who generously donated the proceeds from their Pancake Breakfast on Dec. 8 and the Middleville/Caledonia Right to Life group for their generous donation to financially support those who are attending the March. We had 44 students and eight adults attend the March. We are blessed to have such a generous parish family! Thank you! We are truly grateful!



Building a Legacy - Catholic Men's Conference

Man to Man: Guess what? God wants to do GREAT things in your life. Now it's time for you to let him. Join us for the Building A Legacy/KEPHA Catholic Men's Conference, **Saturday, March 14** at West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids. It's one power-packed and spirit-filled day of 1,000+ men coming together to get right with our Creator and learning how to live bold, fearless lives of faith in a world that wants you to cower. Amazing lineup of nationally (and internationally) renowned speakers. Mass celebrated by our own Bishop David Walkowiak. Find more details and register at buildingalegacy.org. Questions? Call Deacon Jim Thorndill at 616-242-0422.

8th grade Confirmation Retreat Fri., 2/7 through Sun., 2/9

Please keep the Confirmation candidates and their Sponsors and families in your prayers as they enter the final stages of their Sacrament Preparation.

January Blood Drive Results

Thank you from Versiti-Blood Center of Michigan, to all who gave the gift of life by donating blood at the Caledonia Community Churches drive on January 14th. 66 pints of blood were collected (27 units=69% OVER goal). We are grateful to everyone who responded to the critical need for blood and for your patience with the longer than normal wait times due to this overwhelming response.

A special thank you to all volunteers who support this lifesaving ministry: Sue Sanker, Jim Shoaf, Mary Merritt and office staff at each church.

Congratulations to these donors who earned their respective blood donation gallon levels: Kim Buehler (1 gallon), Jeff Hernandez (1 gallon), Barb Kunst (12 gallons), Shirley Layle (8 gallons), Tom Lobbezoo (1 gallon), Sharice Purman (3 gallons), Wendy Rigley (5 gallons), Jean Stover (6 gallons), Hallie VandenBerg (2 gallons), Sam Wilkinson (4 gallons) and Lynette VanTil (9 gallons). Eight donations = one gallon.

2020 blood drives (Tuesday): Mar 10, May 12, July 14, Sep 8, Nov 10

There is a new process that has been implemented to enhance the donor experience. You can complete questions before arriving at the drive <https://www.versiti.org/versipass/michigan-versipass>. Also, appointment times are every 5 minutes. Donors without appointments will be fit into an open timeslot. You may schedule an appointment up until midnight the day before the blood drive. If interested in donating blood on March 10 you may sign up online at https://donate.miblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/120759 or call Char Mello, chairperson 616-901-2803. Please join us for good fellowship and yummy snacks.

Widow/Widower Group

Regardless of how much time has passed since your loss, we invite you to join us for morning Mass @ 9 am in the Chapel, followed by breakfast at a local restaurant. Plan on spending some quality time with others walking a similar yet different path. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, February 19.



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HOLY FAMILY PARISH MISSION

With Fr. Leo Patalinghug

***Saturday, Feb 15**

3:30-4:30 pm Confession

5:00 pm Mass with Fr Leo

**6:00 pm Meet/Greet & Q&A on
Family Life**

***Sunday, Feb 16**

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass with Fr. Leo

**6:00 pm *Saints: How to Become One &
How to Get Your Family to Heaven***

***Monday, Feb 17th**

6:15 pm Rosary with Fr Leo

7:00 pm *Mary as a Spiritual Warrior and Spiritual Combat*



****Light Refreshments will follow. Childcare may be available with advanced registration.
Please register by February 1.***