HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

JESUS CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR OUR SCHOOL

Friday, September 30, 2022

Issue 7

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow we enter the month of October which is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is annually celebrated on October 7. The feast day was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the church on behalf of the faithful who pray the Rosary. I would encourage you to dedicate time in the month of October to praying the rosary with your children. It is through these moments that we model our Catholic faith and prioritize what is truly important in our lives.

This Week's Happenings:

- Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the Fall Festival last weekend. It was so much fun to gather as a school community. Special thanks to Susan Leroy and her committee for all of the hard work that went into the planning, organization and execution of the event. The children had a great time enjoying the fun and games while the adults enjoyed the food, drink and socializing.
- Special thanks to all who completed the HFRS Parent Survey and attended the Input Sessions. The Strategic Plan Team will be meeting this weekend to review your feedback and begin the process of writing the five-year plan.
- I would like to recognize our staff members who are celebrating years of service in Catholic education. The following teachers and staff will be recognized and honored at Ford Field on October 22 at noon.

Five Years
Beth Dixon
Marilyn Henning
Nicole Huetteman
Beatriz Jones
Isabel Martinez

Ten Years
Matthew McClellan
Tim Soldan

Fifteen Years
Donna Finn
Lauren Lewinski
Kathleen Pille

Twenty Five Years
Jon Myers
Mary Nowak

Thirty Five Years
Lisa Davis

- Parent Teacher conferences will take place in-person the week of November 7. There
 will be no school for students on Tuesday, November 8 and Friday, November 11.
 There will be no school for middle school students on November 10. An electronic
 sign-up for conference times will be distributed next week.
- If you are interested in making donations to help those who were impacted by the devastation of Hurricane Ian, please consider making a contribution to Catholic Charities, USA. Donations can be made here.

Once again, let us thank God for the many blessings of this past week. Let us continue to pray for the children of our school, that they be drawn to Christ, and know they are children of God, and are loved.

Wishing you many blessings,

Mr. Myers Principal

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Looking Ahead:

Monday, October 3

Birthday Blessings Fr. Stan Ulman

Tuesday, October 4

Wednesday, October 5

7:00pm NJHS Induction Ceremony Cafeteria (SC)

Thursday, October 6

9:00am School Mass (4-8) St. Mary of the Hills Church

Mrs. Metti's 5th Grade Leadership and NJHS Blessing

Friday, October 7

9:00am School Mass (Y5-3) St. Andrew Church

Mrs. Villarreal's Third Grade Leadership

Announcements:

Picture Day is October 12th. Envelopes will be sent home the week of October 3rd. Be sure to order your yearbook with the picture order, Item #1.

We're Hiring!

Looking for a dedicated faith filled person to come work in the Media Center at South Campus. The position is hourly and is full time.

If you like working with kids, books, and technology this position may be for you! Contact Danielle Bruce to apply, bruce.danielle@holyfam.org

Hot Lunch Ordering for November Lunches Opens October 1st at 8:00am.

Ordering will Close on October 7th at Noon.

No Late Orders Will Be Accepted.

Annual Fund - Mass Volunteers Still Needed

Our largest fundraiser, the Annual Fund, kicks off the weekend of October 8th and 9th at our Families of Parishes. Holy Family needs one family to speak (script provided) at the end of each mass. Families are also needed to pass out a small token after mass at the exits of the church. Families will receive **1.0 service hours in school leadership**. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ca9ac2aa4fa7-20227

ANNUAL BENEFIT EVENING - February 11, 2023 - Palazzo Grande!

HOW TO DONATE

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbaR-

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A Note to Holy Family Parents from the **Grandparents Club**

If you would like your parents to receive monthly reports from the Grandparents Club, please add their email address to your Family Information through the Family Portal.



This Week in our Faith

News from Campus Ministry

October: Month of the Rosary

There is a legend about the Rosary that in 1206 St. Dominic was trying to convert a group of people back to the Catholic faith. He was struggling with this task until he saw a vision of Mary. She gave him the Rosary, and many began to use this special tool and prayed the prayers as a devotion.

In 1571 Pope Pius V led a Rosary in a war in the attempt to keep Christian forces safe...they were at a disadvantage. Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory and led a rosary procession in Rome.

The Christian forces won, and Pope Pius V instituted the feast of Our Lady of Victory to commemorate this victory. Later this celebration changed to October 7th and is called Our Lady of the Rosary. All of October is dedicated to the Prayer of the Rosary.



Upcoming Events and Mass Leadership

- October 6- Mass (South Campus) 9:00 AM St.
 Mary of the Hills. Leadership: Mrs. Metti
- October 7- Mass (North Campus) 9:00 AM St.
 Andrew. Leadership: Miss Villarreal
- October 13- Mass (South Campus) 9:00 AM St.
 Mary of the Hills. Leadership: Mrs. Warburton
- October 14- Mass (North Campus) 9:00 AM St.
 Andrew. Leadership: Mrs. Clark



Have you been wondering about the Catholic faith?

Perhaps you are baptized Catholic but don't understand the doctrine, practices, and Traditions. Perhaps you haven't been to a Sunday Mass in awhile and are struggling to get back. Perhaps you are of another faith and would like to find out more about the Catholic faith. Perhaps you are wondering about joining the Catholic church.

If this is you, please feel free to reach out to our Campus Ministry Director, Kim Myers, at myers.kimberly@holyfam.org

God loves you and is whispering to you that He wants a deeper relationship with you.

Listen to the Message from Archbishop Vigneron for Respect Life Month

https://info.aod.org/eyes-on-jesus-episode-33-respect-life-month?ecid=ACsprvuY k_DhOtRDmev6kQfU4HtQ2-wVhk6je9f2maufT3g-B63n-9b102Vhj7br1Rj3jAsZTb&utm_campaign=Eyes%20On%20Jesus&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=226942207& hsenc=p2ANqtz-9ti2qoXbry4qbro3sXlcvSjy-rRj4swKlQJtkmKt53W8Z7lj-ekT3vspA69e0srZ-6zhw22XPrSUtloStqx0u95QQ9_67mf-AhT6XfyboDeVeu-zM



Two Families are needed (one for North Campus and one for South Campus) to serve as Family Coordinators for our Box of Joy outreach program. Families will earn service hours. For additional information or to sign up please contact Mrs. Myers at myers.kimberly@holyfam.org

Coming Up in our Family of Parishes

- October 1- Blessing of Pets 11:30 AM (By the Bell Tower) St. Andrew
- October 1- Blessing of the Animals 12:00 PM (Outside) St. Irenaeus
- October 7- Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
 following daily Mass until 3:00PM St. Andrew
- October 7- Awaken Ministry 7:30PM 9:00 PM
 St. Mary of the Hills
- October 9- "My Ascension" film and discussion regarding teen suicide. 12:30PM St. Irenaeus Parish Hall
- October 9- Anniversary Mass & Reception 11:00
 AM for couples celebrating 5 year anniversaries.
 St Mary of the Hills

Respect for Life Month

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) says, "Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

This year's focus is on St. Joseph, defender of life."

Take a moment this weekend and look into the eyes of each family member and see them. See who God created, in His likeness and image, and give Him thanks. Look deeply into each person and recognize the goodness and love within.

Look in the mirror and know you are a daughter, or son, of the Most High. You are beautifully made with so much to give. Praise God for the gift of life. Pray for all mothers who carry precious life, a true gift from God. Pray for fathers who will partner with mothers in raising children of God. Pray for all elderly who struggle, and suffer, give them hope. May God lead them when it comes time for end-of-life decision.



Catholic Trivia

Did you know.... About 15 percent of all hospitals in the United States are Catholic hospitals. In some parts of the world, the Catholic Church provides the only healthcare, education and social services available to people.



Please join us in our Advent Outreach through Cross Catholic's Box of Joy!

Your child will bring home one box per family for you to fill with suggested items below.

Watch for your box to come home by October 7th!

We will Collect your filled boxes from November 7th – November 11th!

(Bring to your child's parent teacher conference)

Key Reminders

Use provided gift box Include \$9 for shipping by visiting this link! https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/online/

Or put check in provided envelope (no cash). Place on TOP of gift. Secure lid with rubber band (NO TAPE PLEASE)

PERSONAL NOTES

We encourage you to write a personal note or handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or family (Advisable for parent or teacher to review notes written by children).

List of Items to Pack in the Box

Toys

Handheld toys Small plush animals Small balls (tennis, etc.) Ball (deflate) with pump Cars / **Trucks Doll** Mini puzzle Finger puppets Silly putty Bean bag / Hacky sack Unopened fast food toys **Binoculars** Lego and building blocks Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument Jump rope Paddle ball Yo-Yo Slinky Mini board games Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

Pom-poms

School Supplies

Pencils, colored pencils Solar calculator Sharpener Small board books Erasers Pencil case Crayons Pens, markers Ruler Glue stick (no liquid) Safety scissors Coloring book **Notepads Stickers** Self-inking stamp Flash cards

Do Not Pack

paint)

Food/Beverages
Liquids
Gels
Chocolate
Military or Police toys
Toy Weapons
Glass or Breakables
Knives/Tools

Dry paints (no liquid

Apparel

Socks and Shorts
Underwear/T-shirts
Flip flops
Bandanas
Hats
Shoelaces
Poncho

Hygiene

Comb / Brush

Forks & Spoons
Cup / Bottle with lid
Bar Soap
Toothpaste (in the box)
Toothbrush and floss
Bandages
Hand wipes (no gels)
Tissues
Lip balm
Manicure kit
Nail clippers / Emery
board

Home Watch

Purse or Wallet
Sunglasses
Necklace
Hair ribbons
Hair / Head bands
Barrettes
Bracelets
Earrings
Scarf
Cross or Rosary

Useful Items

Sewing kit
Utensils
Compass
Led keychain
Duct tape
No-battery
flashlight
Drawstring bag

Hard Candy and Gum

Please seal in a Ziploc@-style bag (No chocolates)



ADVANCEMENT News

Dates Not to Miss!

October 8th and 9th - Annual Fund Kick-off

February 11, 2023 - Benefit Evening - Palazzo Grande

May 8, 2023 - Golf Outing - Great Oaks Country Club

HOLY FAMILY'S MAJOR FUNDRAISERS

ANNUAL FUND

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED OCT 8TH

AND 9TH

The Annual Fund kicks off next weekend at our Families of Parishes. HFRS needs one family to speak (script provided) at the end of each mass and to pass out a token of appreciation after the mass. *You will receive 1 hour of service.* Students, please wear your school uniform.

<u>CLICK HERE TO</u> <u>Volunteer</u>





BENEFIT EVENING

DONATIONS NEEDED

We have so many wonderful families within our school that are always willing to donate and contribute. Specifically, we are looking for families that are interested in sponsorship for the evening, or those interested in donating a product or service.

CLICK HERE TO

DONATE



HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL

SAVE-THE-DATES

Annual Fund

Kick-off October 8th & 9th *Families of Parishes*

Benefit Evening

February 11, 2023 *Palazzo Grande*

Golf Outing

May 8, 2023 Great Oaks Country Club

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PTG Connection

Connecting Parents, Teachers and Students



"Wake me up when September ends..."

That's today. Bring on October and this week's PTG scoop!

Trunk or Treat

Fri, Oct 21st

Trick out your haunted hot rod and meet us at South Campus for Trunk or Treat fun! <u>Tickets</u> are available until **October 17th.** Brave volunteers can <u>sign up here.</u>. See attached flyer for more details...*if you dare.*



Quick Links

About Us
Volunteer
Events
Contact Us

Next PTG Membership Meeting

10/11 - 9:15 am - South Campus

TRUNK OR TREAT

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FALL FESTIVAL

3 PTG BOARD OPENING

4 CO CHAIRS WANTED

5 RETAIL FUNDRAISERS

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

MARTIAL ARTS

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival was a hit, thanks to all of the supportive HFRS families who attended! For those who couldn't make it, here's a brief recap: Kids in face paint were bouncing off walls (literally), smashing their faces into pie, playing games and having the time of their lives; while adults enjoyed spirits, live music and donuts. And, oh yeah, a HUGE raffle was drawn!

A special thank you to Susan Leroy, Natalee Allington, Melissa Demski, Megan Pfromm, Natalia Tarnavsky-Smith, Adriana VanDuyn, and all the volunteers who made the event possible.

Join the PTG Board!

Our PTG Executive Board is looking for a Co-President to join our team. Ideal candidates are assertive, organized and have strong leadership skills. <u>Contact us</u> to request an application.

Co-Chairs Wanted...for real

A wise person once said, "Those who volunteer, get credit hours." Test that theory by running one of our PTG events below...and write your own profound quote. Contact us to volunteer!

- ***** Talent Show (1) Feb
- **♦ Mother/Son** (1) May
- * Retail Fundraisers (2) All School Year

Retail Fundraisers

Box Tops, Amazon Smile, Toyology, Scrip

All year, we participate in retail fundraisers that benefit HFRS. Click on the links above for more info.

PTG Executive Board

Presidents:

Elizabeth Koenig Lauren Kochenderfer

Vice Presidents:

Jamie Corsetti Christina Scollin

Secretary:

Christina Matway

Treasurer:

Julie Gagliardi

Destination Imagination

Meeting Oct 13th

Join us Thursday, October 13th at the North Campus (activities building) for a <u>Destination</u> <u>Imagination</u> kick off meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting you'll have the option to register your child and/or sign up to coach a team. See attached flyer for details.

Destination Imagination (DI) is an after school program that builds confidence as students work through STEAM based challenges, using the creative process.

Martial Arts

Registration Deadline Sept 30th

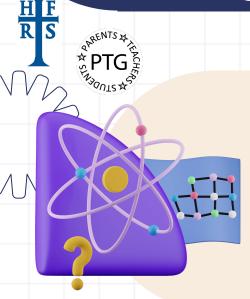
North Campus students...get ready to bow to your Sensei! Our after school martial arts program begins **October 6th.** See attached flyer for details. But hurry because registration ends tonight!

"Teamwork makes the DREAM work."

Destination Imagination

A program where teams develop solutions to project-based STEAM challenges and present their solutions live at tournaments and showcases.

Information Meeting: Thursday October 13, 2022 6:15 pm - St. Andrew's Activities Building Students in grades K-8



STEM Based

Students in grades K-8 are given a challenge to complete using STEM skills. Some examples are:

- Design and build a roller coaster that can be assembled and tested
- Create a tall tale and show how science can be used to put the impossible to the test
- Build puzzle solvers that use technical methods to assemble the puzzle

Kid Driven

Volunteer adult team leaders coach - but don't interfere

- Adults help teach the creative process
- Adults guide the students along the way
- Training is available for team leaders; parents support and encourage leaders





Join us!

Information meeting Thursday October 13, 2022 6:15 pm - St. Andrews Activities Building

- Open to HFRS students grades K-8
- Gather additional info on the program
- Register your child
- Sign up to coach a team or volunteer in another manner

Questions? Contact Amy Ryczko: amy.casey123@gmail.com.



4 WEEK MARTIAL ARTS CLASS







On campus at Holy Family North Campus MPR

COST: \$25 for all 4 classes
*100% will be donated back to
HFRS - LIMIT 30 STUDENTS

Registration Deadline:

Friday Sept. 30th

YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN

- **FOCUS**
- **CONFIDENCE**
- **MANTI-BULLYING**
- **WLIFE SKILLS**
- **SELF-DEFENSE**

YOUR COURSE DATES:

Thursday Oct. 6th @ 3:45pm - 4:15pm

Thursday Oct. 13th @ 3:45pm - 4:15pm

Thursday Oct. 20th @ 3:45pm - 4:15pm

Thursday Oct. 27th @ 3:45pm - 4:15pm

🚺 REGISTER TODAY, IT'S EASY! 🚺

Student Name_	Parent Name_		
Cell	_Any questions please contact Claud	dia Morreale 586-436-0	0527 or killer_ot@yahoo.com
	All checks payable	to HERS PTG	



Holy Family's 7th Annual Pre-Halloween Party for the Whole Family

Friday October 21, 2022 5:00-7:30pm

Holy Family South Campus Parking Lot

- \$25.00 per car (Includes treat bags for each child attending, and bottled water for each family member.)
- Only Holy Family children and siblings are eligible to participate. You must preregister. The deadline to register is Monday October 17th.
- Students should come dressed in costumes (no gory costumes or weapons please).

- An option to pre order a large pizza for \$12.00 per pizza will be available.
- Limited spots available! No Late registrations or walk-ins will be accepted. For the safety of our children, please remember this is a family event. No alcohol will be allowed.
- All cars must remain parked until completion of event.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR OWN CANDY TO DISTRIBUTE TO TRUNK-OR TREATERS.

BE CREATIVE!! CARS CAN BE DECORATED AND ENTERED INTO THE CONTEST, BUT THIS IS NOT REQUIRED.

Festivities will include: A fun and interactive DJ, photo booth, and loads of fun!



5:00-6:00 - Cars Arrive 6:00-7:00 - Trunk-or-Treating 7:00-7:30 - Best Trunk Award, Departure



Register and pay <u>here.</u> Volunteer for the event <u>here.</u>

Questions? Feel free to contact Michell Campbell <u>michellmcampbell@gmail.com</u> or Eva Samano <u>evasamano710@gmail.com</u>.



IT'S GAME TIME

H F R S

WILDCATS VS. EVERYONE

ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SOCCER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

4:30 Pm - 5/6 Boys @ Shrine #1 5:45 pm - 5/6 Girls @ Shrine #1

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

4:45 pm - 7/8 Girls @ Shrine #1

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

5:00 pm - 7/8 Girls vs. St. Hugo #1 6:15 pm - 5/6 Girls vs St. Pat WL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4th

5:00 pm - 5/6 Boys vs. St. Lawrence #1 6:15 pm - 5/6 Girls vs. Shrine #2

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th

5:00pm - 7/8 Girls @ St. Hugo #1

Holy Family soccer teams play home games @ Holy Family Regional School South: 2633 John R. Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

CROSS

COUNTRY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

10:00 am - St. Joseph vs. HFRS @ Camp Agawam





FOOTBALL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

4th: 9:00 am @ Shrine Catholic 7th: 10:00 am @ St. Joan of Arc 6th: 10:30 am @ Shrine Catholic 5th: 12:00 pm @ St. Joan of Arc 8th: 12:30 pm @ Shrine Catholic

VOLLEYBALL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

1:30 pm - 5/6 White @ OL Refuge #2

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

6:00 pm - 7/8 Blue vs. Shrine #1 7:15 pm - 7/8 White vs. Shrine #2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4th

6:00 pm - 5/6 White vs. Shrine #2 7:15 pm - 5/6 Blue vs. Shrine #1

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th

5:30 pm - 5/6 White @ St. Regis #2 6:30 pm - 5/6 Blue @ St. Regis #1

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IT'S GAME TIME

H F R S

WILDCATS VS. EVERYONE <u>UPCOMING ATHLETIC DATES</u>

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION

September 25th - October 8th

Late Period: October 9th - October

15th *Fee Incurred*

Offering Basketball, Bowling & Cheer

2022/23 Winter Sports Registration

WINTER
SPORTS &
YARD SIGN
LINKS:

Basketbal
Bowling
Cheer

2022/23 Winter Yard Signs





BASKETBALL ASSESSMENTS:

5/6 Boys & Girls*: Wednesday, 11/2, Thursday, 11/3 & Friday, 11/4

7/8 Boys & Girls*: Monday, 11/7 & Tuesday, 11/8, Thursday, 11/10

*If the athlete is not at all assessment days they will be placed on the final team with open slots.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Fall Pep Rally
Friday, October 21st

Basketball Parent Meeting Thursday, October 27th

Bowling Parent Meeting Thursday, December 1st





Be unstoppable.

Be you.

Imagine it—you and your forever friends. Dreaming up adventures. Making the whole world sparkle with your own personal brand of magic.



Kindergarten Troop Organization Meeting

Holy Family Regional School 1240 Inglewood Ave, Rochester, MI, Room 5

Thursday, Oct. 13th, 2022 4 pm

Get a free activity guide made just for you.

Contact Bailey Talaska at btalaska@gssem.org for any questions

girl scouts of southeastern

michigan

www.gssem.org/join

Be a Girl Scout.



September 15, 2022

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We are less than two months from the November 8 election, during which voters in Michigan will decide on an issue of paramount importance to protecting the inherent, God-given dignity of all people.

Abortion advocates under "Reproductive Freedom For All" seek to amend the state constitution to allow unregulated abortion on-demand through all nine months of pregnancy. This effort, primarily funded by out-of-state dollars, is spearheaded by Planned Parenthood and the ACLU. It will appear on the ballot as Proposal 3.

The implications of this proposal are vast and extreme. If passed, the proposal's vague wording would result in the elimination of dozens of Michigan laws relating to abortion, including: laws prohibiting partial-birth abortion and taxpayer-funded abortion; laws requiring parental consent and informed consent for abortion; laws protecting the conscience rights of persons who refuse to participate in abortion, and more. The proposal would prohibit lawsuits from being brought against any individual for performing an abortion, even when complications result from the procedure.

Proposal 3 is not about protecting existing rights, but rather about revoking the right to life for an untold number of human beings.

This is a grave offense to the dignity and sanctity of unborn, innocent human life. As people of faith who witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ and His teachings, we fervently oppose this deadly proposal and are taking action to defeat it. On behalf of the Catholic dioceses of Michigan, including the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Michigan Catholic Conference earlier this year partnered with Right to Life Michigan and other pro-life organizations to form a coalition called *Citizens to Support MI Women and Children* to oppose and, ultimately, to defeat this dangerous proposal.

In support of these efforts, I offer you three invitations to act:

PRAY: As advocates for the sanctity of life and truth, we always begin with prayer. Let us pray that our fellow Catholics and all people of goodwill will reject Proposal 3 in recognition of the danger it poses for women, children, and their families. To assist in our prayer, I will be celebrating Mass at 11 a.m. October 2 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, in gratitude to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the gift of all human life. I hope to see you there.

VOTE: As faithful citizens, we look forward to casting our votes on November 8. Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit are called to uphold the inherent dignity of all people by voting *against* Proposal 3, rejecting its "anything goes" approach to the destruction of human life. To vote in favor of this proposal would be to actively participate in the promotion and expansion of the intrinsic moral evil of abortion.

GIVE: As members of a family of faith, we can spread awareness among Catholics, practicing or otherwise, and others about the true nature of Proposal 3 and its consequences for life, women, families, and children. You can do this in part by discussing it with family, friends, and members of your community, but your reach will grow exponentially through your support of the statewide coalition dedicated to preventing this proposal from distorting our state constitution. I invite you to visit <u>supportmiwomenandchildren.org</u> to learn more about the amendment, view a list of the dozens of laws it would impact, and consider a financial contribution to these efforts.

As we protect and defend life from the moment of conception through natural death, we must at the same time accompany and support women experiencing difficult or unintended pregnancies. That is why the pro-life office of the Archdiocese of Detroit is working with our parishes and Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, the charitable arm of the archdiocese, to redouble efforts to provide assistance and resources to women and families across the region, especially through initiatives like <u>Walking With Moms in Need</u>. We cannot create a world where abortion is unthinkable without also creating a world in which all families receive the support they need. This work of mercy is critical and continuous. Together, we are building a culture of life where vulnerable families are given the help and support they need to choose and sustain life. For more information on these efforts, please visit <u>aod.org/prolife</u>.

Please join me in praying that this destructive proposal is defeated, and that Catholics and others use their votes to uphold the right to life and the inherent dignity of all people. Let us always have confidence in Jesus Christ, who has triumphed over death and invites us to this work of accomplishing God's will in our midst.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron

Archbishop of Detroit



Fall 2022 Men's Challenge

On November 8 Michigan voters face a pivotal election for the protection of the unborn with Proposal 3 on the ballot. In the span of this election, Michigan could go from a state with laws protecting the unborn and vulnerable women from abortion to a state that permanently enshrines unlimited, unregulated abortion in the state constitution. Proposal 3 goes far beyond just keeping abortion legal or reinstating the now overturned Roe v. Wade decision. It would allow abortions to be performed by anyone, at any point in pregnancy, and for any reason. It would throw away state laws regulating quality, safety, and inspections for abortion clinics. It would remove parental consent requirement for teens seeking abortions, and teens seeking gender reassignment surgeries.

As Christian men, husbands, and fathers, we know that the battle for the family falls on us, it is our responsibility to protect and defend the family. Our unborn brothers and sisters are under assault. We know that the battle is not against flesh and blood but against the evil "principalities and powers" (Ephesians 6:12) that seek to destroy innocent life.

In a fraternal brotherhood with the men of Arizona, we are asking the men of Michigan to embark on the EXODUS 90 campaign of prayer and asceticism with the specific intention of defeating Proposal 3 and the similar initiative in Arizona. This fraternal effort of brotherhood, prayer and fasting is an outstanding example of friendship and sacrifice. All each man needs is a small band of brothers and to follow the prescribed prayers, scriptures and disciplines. Please see the attached letter for greater detail and information regarding this noble and fraternal challenge.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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Protect Life VOTE NO ON PROPOSAL 3

ABORTION IS ON THE BALLOT IN MICHIGAN THIS FALL, AND THE STAKES COULD NOT BE HIGHER. In the span of this election, Michigan could go from a state with laws protecting the unborn and vulnerable women from abortion to a state that permanently guarantees unlimited, unregulated abortion.

Proposal 3 goes *far* beyond just keeping abortion legal or reinstating the now overturned *Roe v. Wade* decision.

It would allow abortions to be performed by anyone, at any point in pregnancy, and for any reason. It would throw away state laws regulating quality, safety, and inspections for abortion clinics. It would remove parental consent requirement for teens seeking abortions, and also teens seeking gender reassignment surgeries.

Proposal 3 would move Michigan far from a society where human life is welcomed and where mothers do not have to turn to abortion. Voters must reject this extreme proposal and allow our state to build a culture that values all human life by supporting existing efforts led by pregnancy centers and Catholic Charities agencies to assist mothers in need.

As Catholics, we believe every person has a right to life, which is the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible. Abortion is a "preeminent" threat to the dignity of human life because it is a direct attack on life itself, "the most fundamental good and the condition for all others."

Already, millions of dollars are pouring into Michigan to get Proposal 3 passed, as this measure is seen by many across the country as a trial run for similar efforts to expand abortion in other states.

As Catholics who stand for the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death, it is time to come together and defeat this dangerous proposal. The Catholic bishops of Michigan emphatically urge a **NO** vote on Proposal 3 and strongly urge you to tell every person you know that this amendment goes too far on abortion, and to vote **NO**.

This issue of **focus** will explain what Proposal 3 would do and why it is dangerous for Michigan. It will empower you to talk with your friends and family about why this amendment must be defeated.

In addition to upholding the dignity of human life, there are several other principles based in Catholic social teaching to consider when voting. This edition of **focus** will also equip Catholics with the principles rooted in the Church's rich teachings on social justice that are helpful to making a well-informed vote on the entire general election ballot.

What You Need to Know About Proposal 3

How would this change Michigan's abortion law? Michigan's existing pre-*Roe* law prohibits abortion except to save the mother's life, in addition to numerous other laws that regulate abortion. Under this amendment, all those laws would be revoked, and it would be nearly impossible for the Legislature to pass any laws to regulate abortion and protect women and children.

Why is this amendment being proposed? This proposal was launched in anticipation that the U.S. Supreme Court would strike down *Roe*. The Supreme Court ruling allowed abortion regulation to return to individual state legislatures to decide, yet this amendment would take that power away from the Legislature by locking unlimited abortion access into the state constitution.

How would passing this amendment compare to when *Roe v. Wade* was in effect? This amendment would take Michigan far beyond what was allowed for abortion under *Roe*. In the half century since *Roe*, dozens of laws have been passed to regulate abortion. Under this amendment, those protections would be gone, and abortion would be unrestricted and unregulated.

How late into pregnancy would an abortion be allowed under this amendment? The amendment would allow for abortions all throughout pregnancy. The amendment appears to allow a ban on late-term abortions, but provides an exception based on the mother's physical and mental health. That means a late-term abortion could be justified for almost any reason.

How would Michigan compare to other states if this amendment passed? According to the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, Michigan is one of 36 states that require parental involvement in their child's decision to have an abortion, one of 32 states requiring abortions be performed by a licensed physician, and one of 43 states that prohibit abortion after a specified point in pregnancy.

Under Proposal 3, Michigan would no longer require parental consent, that physicians perform abortions, or a limit to when an abortion can happen in a pregnancy, putting Michigan in the minority of states in all three categories.

LAWS AFFECTED BY THE ANYTHING GOES ABORTION AMENDMENT

Because Proposal 3 seeks to create a constitutional "right" to "reproductive freedom," this amendment could have negative implications for dozens of state laws protecting life and regulating abortion.

Below are examples of laws that could be revoked or limited if Proposal 3 were to pass:

- Increased penalties for later term abortions when babies are fully formed.
- Law requiring babies born alive during an abortion be protected and cared for.
- Conscience rights of hospitals and doctors who decline to take unborn human life.
- Ban on taxpayer-funded Medicaid dollars to pay for abortions.
- Ban on school employees from helping a child obtain an abortion.
- Informed consent provisions for an abortion, such as a 24-hour waiting period, information on fetal development and abortion procedures, and ultrasound viewing.
- Respectful disposal of fetal remains.

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Let's not pretend that this constitutional amendment is simply about creating a so-called right to an abortion. It goes much, much farther than that.

John BurschFormer Michigan Solicitor General

Responding to Arguments Made for Proposal 3

The following are examples of what supporters may say about the abortion amendment. Study these responses so that you can help your family and friends better understand the consequences of this proposal.

THEY SAY "This amendment ensures women will not be prosecuted for having a miscarriage/abortion."

WE RESPOND There is no history of women being prosecuted in Michigan for either of those circumstances. In addition, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in 1963 that a woman receiving an abortion is not guilty and cannot be charged. State law also explicitly defines abortion as not including miscarriage.

THEY SAY "This amendment stops the government from prosecuting women who experience miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies."

WE RESPOND Abortion is an intentional act to destroy a life, while a miscarriage is a spontaneous action within a woman's body. An ectopic pregnancy is when a fertilized egg implants outside the uterus, where it cannot survive. A woman receiving treatment for an ectopic pregnancy or suffering a miscarriage is not the same as choosing to undergo an abortion. Both state law and the Michigan Supreme Court are clear that women rightfully cannot be prosecuted for an abortion.

THEY SAY "Michigan residents should have the constitutional right to abortion care and reproductive freedom."

WE RESPOND Women already have the right to reproductive care in the state of Michigan. Women have access to prenatal, postpartum, and infertility care. Pregnancy help centers provide support and referrals for women unable to see a doctor.

Abortion is not reproductive care as it harms women mentally and physically and guarantees that out of the two patients involved, one will die. Abortion is never medically necessary to help save the life of a mother.

THEY SAY "Decisions on abortion should remain between a woman and her doctor"

WE RESPOND With this amendment, nonphysicians would be able to conduct abortions, undermining the notion that women would be making these decisions with the help of an appropriately licensed physician.

The amendment would block the state from prohibiting abortions in cases where "in the professional judgment of an attending health care professional," the abortion "is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual."

Under Michigan law, "health care professional" means more than just a physician, as that definition also includes dentists, chiropractors, massage therapists, acupuncturists, counselors, and psychologists, to name a few examples.

The language also says the state could not "penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against someone for aiding or assisting a pregnant individual in exercising their right to reproductive freedom with their voluntary consent."

Because of that, a school counselor, for example, could take a 13-year-old girl to get an abortion, contraception, or undergo sterilization without telling her parents, and there is nothing her parents could legally do, if they ever found out.

THEY SAY "This amendment allows for women to have autonomy over their own bodies"

WE RESPOND A pregnant woman carries inside her a human life that deserves the same dignity that she should be afforded. If a woman becomes pregnant unexpectedly or unwillingly and she feels she is unable or unwilling to parent her child, there are options to ensure the baby is safe and cared for through the state's adoption process or the Safe Delivery Law, which allows mothers to surrender their newborns for adoption, no questions asked.

THEY SAY "This amendment still allows for restricting late-term abortions."

WE RESPOND The amendment creates broad exceptions to any ban enacted on late-term abortions, including for reasons related to mental health. Any pregnant woman could claim not getting a late-term abortion would cause her anxiety or stress, so essentially no abortion would be restricted.

THEY SAY "This amendment still allows the state to restrict/regulate abortion after viability."

WE RESPOND This amendment changes the definition of fetal viability to no longer mean when the baby can survive outside the womb, instead defining it as when a baby can survive outside of the womb without "extraordinary medical measures."

This means that a prematurely born infant who needs intensive medical treatment could be considered not viable in the eyes of the mother and the "healthcare professional," who does not have to be a licensed physician under the language provided in the amendment.

THEY SAY "Over 700,000 Michiganders signed this proposal to put it on the ballot, which shows how widely supported it is."

WE RESPOND Paid petition gatherers are not legally required to tell people everything that a proposal would do. Thus, it is likely that most people who signed the petition did not read the proposal or understand the reality of what they were signing. People from various backgrounds, including those who say they are pro-choice, overwhelmingly oppose partial-birth abortion and support health and safety regulations on abortion clinics. This proposal would give constitutional protections to third-trimester abortions up to birth and likely revoke state law that requires abortion facilities to be licensed and inspected.

BALLOT SUMMARY LANGUAGE

The following language is what voters will read about Proposal 3 on their November 8 General Election or absentee ballot.

A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising this established right.

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility;
- Allow state to regulate abortion after fetal viability, but not prohibit if medically needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health;
- Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment;
- Invalidate state laws conflicting with this amendment.

The words are so vague that they essentially allow abortion up to the moment of birth—precisely what nearly every Michigander rejects.

John Bursch

Former Michigan Solicitor General

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The following language is what supporters of Proposal 3 are seeking to place in the Michigan Constitution.

- (1) Every individual has a fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which entails the right to make and effectuate decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy, including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion care, miscarriage management, and infertility care. An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be denied, burdened, nor infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means. Notwithstanding the above, the state may regulate the provision of abortion care after fetal viability, provided that in no circumstance shall the state prohibit an abortion that, in the professional judgement of an attending health care professional, is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual.
- (2) The state shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right.
- (3) The state shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual based on their actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes, including but not limited to miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. Nor shall the state penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against someone for aiding or assisting a pregnant individual in exercising their right to reproductive freedom with their voluntary consent.
- (4) For the purposes of this section:
 - A state interest is "compelling" only if it is for the limited purpose of protecting the health of an individual seeking care, consistent with accepted clinical standards of practice and evidence based medicine, and does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision-making.
 - "Fetal viability" means: the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgement of an attending health care professional and based on the particular facts of the case, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus's sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.
- (5) This section shall be self-executing. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section.

The Rest of the Ballot: The Faithful Citizen's Approach to Voting as a Catholic in the November Election

Along with the portion of the ballot where you vote **NO** on Proposal 3, there will be many other voting decisions in this upcoming general election.

As Catholics, we are obligated to live out faithful citizenship. The bishops tell us that "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation."

But what does faithful citizenship mean? The Church has said the lay faithful "are not only bound to penetrate the world with a Christian spirit but are also called to be witnesses to Christ in all things in the midst of human society." That includes participating in political life, and for most people, that means exercising the right to vote.

With the November election approaching, we encourage all Catholics to be "guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group" when discerning their choices to vote. The Church is non-partisan and "our cause is the defense of human life and dignity and the protection of the weak and vulnerable."

Further, living out faithful citizenship requires us to go beyond cable news networks and social media feeds. To truly cast an informed vote, we must make the intentional effort to become informed on Catholic social teaching with regard to policy issues and where candidates and ballot proposals stand on those policy issues.

The U.S. bishops have said it is "essential" that Catholics are "guided by a well-formed conscience that recognizes that all issues do not carry the same moral weight," and in particular, "the moral obligation to oppose policies promoting intrinsically evil acts has a special claim on our consciences and our actions."

The decision on whom to vote for "should take into account a candidate's commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue." Ultimately, the decision is "to be made by each Catholic guided by a conscience formed by Catholic moral teaching."

Consider the following broad themes of Catholic moral teaching that serve as a framework for Catholics to form their consciences prior to voting. There are also questions that accompany these themes to help Catholics make decisions on candidates and ballot issues.

DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

"Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible" 10

- Does the candidate or the ballot issue promote policies that affirm the dignity of all human life?
- Does the candidate or the ballot issue stand opposed to policies that allow the deliberate taking of innocent human life?
- Is the candidate consistent in his or her support for all human life from conception to natural death?
- Is the candidate committed to policies to reduce violence of every kind, and in particular, gun violence in our schools and in our communities?
- Is the candidate committed to condemning racism and working to root it out of societal structures?

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

"The family—based on marriage between a man and a woman—is the first and fundamental unit of society and is a sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children. It should be defended and strengthened, not redefined, undermined, or further distorted."

 Does the candidate support policies that affirm the truth of marriage and policies that strengthen and encourage it?



- Does the candidate support policies that serve the needs of families, and in particular, children?
- Does the candidate support policies to encourage employers to compensate workers enough to adequately support their families?
- Does the candidate support policies to assist poor families to allow them to live in dignity and to create opportunities for economic security?

SERVING THE POOR & VULNERABLE

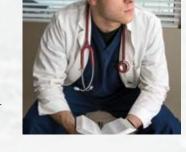
"When we meet a person truly in need, do we see the face of God?" —Pope Francis

- Does the candidate display a priority for keeping the poor and vulnerable in mind?
- Does the candidate support policies to reduce poverty and dependency?
- Does the candidate support expanding access to affordable housing?
- Does the candidate's policy stances indicate that he or she considers affordable and accessible healthcare a fundamental human right?
- Does the candidate support working for comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries?

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

"In all contexts, its basic contours are the same: it is the 'immun[ity] from coercion on the part of individuals or of social groups and of any human power, in such ways that no one is to be forced to act in a manner contrary to his own beliefs, whether privately or publicly, whether alone or in association with others, within due limits."

- Does the candidate oppose efforts to force people working for religious institutions to violate their consciences?
- Does the candidate support religious institutions' right to serve according to their sincerely held beliefs?



 Does the candidate oppose efforts to require religious institutions to compromise their moral or religious convictions to participate in government programs?

EDUCATION

"Parents—the first and most important educators—have a fundamental right to choose the education best suited to the needs of their children." ¹³

 Does the candidate support policies allowing parents to choose education for their children, including policies that encourage and support a variety of education options?

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"An ethic of responsibility, rehabilitation, and restoration should be a foundation for the reform of our broken criminal justice system." ¹⁴

Does the candidate support policies aimed at justly reducing the prison population, helping people leaving prison to reintegrate into their communities, combating recidivism, promoting just sentencing reform, and strengthening relationships between the police and the communities they serve?

CARE FOR CREATION

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." ¹⁵

- Does the candidate recognize protecting the land, water, and air we share as a duty of stewardship?
- Does the candidate support policies to protect Michigan's natural resources?



The information in this guide relies primarily on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, a document produced and occasionally updated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The full document of the conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).



ment can be found at the USCCB website at cthl.cc/fcfc.

Proposal 3 at a Glance

Proposal 3 would allow:

- Abortion at any time in pregnancy for any reason.
- Children to undergo abortion or sterilizing transgender procedures without their parents' consent.
- Elimination of the state's partial-birth abortion ban and late-term abortion ban.
- Anyone to perform an abortion—even those without a medical license
- Abortion providers to be shielded from consequences for injuring or killing women.
- Elimination of all current health and safety regulations on abortion clinics.



Help Defeat Proposal 3

- Vote **NO**, either in person on Tuesday, November 8, or by absentee ballot beforehand.
- Check your voter registration status and learn how to vote properly by visiting the Michigan Voter Information Center at mvic.sos.state.mi.us.



- Encourage your relatives, friends,
 coworkers, and parishioners to register to vote for the election and vote NO on this proposal.
- Pray that the outcome of election may be one that will protect and uphold the dignity of human life.

GET INVOLVED WITH THE NO ON 3 CAMPAIGN

To volunteer for the Vote No on Proposal 3 campaign, receive updates, and donate money to defeat this dangerous amendment, visit supportmiwomenandchildren.org.





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To stay up to date on the campaign to defeat Proposal 3, as well as other issues important to your Catholic faith, join the **Catholic Advocacy Network**. It is a free online service provided by Michigan Catholic Conference and an easy way to put your faith into action. Learn more by scanning the QR code.





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Clothing Drive

Saturday October 22 9:00 - 2:00 St. Andrew Activity Building Parking Lot

St. Andrew will be hold a Clothing drive for St. Vincent de Paul

This is a clothing only drive.

We have seen an increase in clothing needs. We will have two trucks in the parking lot of the activities building. All new and gently used clothing items will be greatly appreciated.

If you can donate warm winter clothing - even better!

We will make bags available for your donation after Mass beginning the weekend of October 8-9. Thank you for helping keep our neighbors warm this winter.

Can't make it on October 22?

Call David at the Parish office to arrange a time to drop off your donation.

(248) 651-7486

Clothing donations are taken year round





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The Sleep Out helps ensure that youth facing homelessness can sleep safely and dream big at Covenant House.

You can be part of the solution for youth overcoming homelessness by joining us on October 1-2, by making a donation to our "Sleep."

Together, we are working towards a future where every young person has a safe place to sleep.



The St. Andrew Youth Ministry is giving up their beds for one night October 1 to 2.

Starting with 5 pm Mass.

Dinner, Presentation & Sleep out.

We will be outside collecting donations after the 5 pm and before 8 am Mass. Baskets will be at the entrances of the church for all other Masses.

Cash or Check donations accepted. Make checks payable to St. Andrew in the memo line put "Sleep Out". Please put cash or check in an envelope and on the envelope put Attn: Margaret Kozak. Turn it in at the church or faith formation offices. Thank you!

For more information or if interested in joining us contact Margaret Kozak at margaretk@atandrewchurch.org



All students interested in attending Brother Rice are invited to be our special guest for the Warriors vs. OLSM football game on Friday, September 30. We cannot wait to see you there!

The game takes place at Lawrence Tech University, with a pregame reception at 5:45 pm and kick-off at 7pm.

Join us for friendship and a fun game! Your visit includes:

- FREE Brother Rice t-shirt.
- FREE admission into the game.
- · Meet Coach Korzeniewski prior to kick-off.
- Experience the Warrior Spirit.
- Meet and greet with the Brother Rice Enrollment Team.

All grade levels welcome. Go Warriors!

Go to brrice.edu/futurewarriorday to sign up today!

For more information, please call 248.833.2020.

*Parents – It is strongly recommended that you stay for the game. Your son can sit with you or in the student section. He is free to leave at any time and there will not be a "check out" procedure.