When I saw this quote from C.S. Lewis as I am writing an update on the CSA appeal (in the little black book for Lent) I knew I had to use it as part of this article as it was God speaking to me...to us. It is talking about sacrifice or sacrificial giving. That in my opinion is what the CSA is all about. A sacrificial gift should be like the parable that Jesus shares in (Mark 12: 41-44) where the widow puts in two small coins worth a few cents, she had contributed all she had, her whole livelihood!

We have over 1,000 families now at Holy Family and we are growing. This is great news! Last year we only had a participation rate of only 34%. I would like to see that increased to over 50 to 75% participation. What I would like to see is not necessarily your last two cents put into the CSA appeal but if you are someone setting on the bench and have not contributed yet to this appeal, let this article speak to you. Make a onetime contribution, or really get crazy and make a monthly commitment to make a larger contribution. If you are sitting there reading this article and you are sipping on a Starbucks or a Bigby coffee, make a commitment to put that same amount into your CSA envelope and turn it in. That coffee is that “luxury” that C.S. Lewis is talking about.

We as a parish have a commitment amount of $162,992, and we are asking for 100% participation. As of this writing we have received pledges of $84,510 and our participation rate is at 22 percent. I am writing this article on March 17, you will not be seeing this until probably the first week of April. My prayer is that you will have already given and we have reached our goal! If you haven’t given to CSA, please make your prayer be asking God what he wants you to contribute, listen to Him and then do it.

In His service,
Pete Murray, CSA Chairperson
What’s happening at Holy Family……

April 2018

4/1 Easter Masses 9am and 11am
4/2 Parish Office CLOSED
4/3 Adoptive Parent Support Group 6pm
4/5 Caregiver Support Group 6:30pm
Divorce Support Group 7pm
4/7 Men’s Adoration and Prayer Group 6am
Welcome Weekend Mass 5pm
4/8 Welcome Weekend all Masses
4/10 Food Pantry Self Shop 4:5:30pm
Order of Secular Franciscans 7pm
4/12 Food Pantry Self Shop 10-11:30am
Divorce Support Group 7pm
Grief Support Group 7pm
Holy Family Mom’s Group 7pm
4/14 Men’s Adoration and Prayer Group 6am
1st Eucharist Mass 5pm
4/15 Holy Family Pancake Breakfast between Masses
1st Eucharist Mass 11am
Top of the Hill Gang Potluck 12:30pm
4/17 Safety and Security for Ladies 7pm
4/18 Council of Catholic Women Membership Mtg. 1pm
Grief Support Group 7pm
Divorce Support Group 7pm
4/21 Men’s Adoration and Prayer Group 6am
4/22 K of C 1st Degree 12:30pm
4/26 Grief Support Group 7pm
Divorce Support Group 7pm
K of C General Membership Mtg. 7:30pm
4/28 Men’s Adoration and Prayer Group 6am

Top of the Hill Gang
Ever wonder what the “Top of the Hill” Gang is? We are a group of 55+, married and singles who meet once a month on the 3rd Sunday for a pot-luck and fellowship. All parishioners 55+ are welcome to join us, just bring a dish to pass and a place setting (main dish is supplied). Contact the parish office for more information.

Next Pot-luck: Sunday, April 15 at 12:30pm

Welcome Weekend
Don’t forget to get your nametag on April 7/8 for our welcome weekend and introduce yourself to someone you have never met!

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Holy Family Mass/Weekly Schedule
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00am
W-Fri: 9:00am
Adoration: Thurs: 9:30am-8pm

Sacraments:
Baptism & Sacrament of Matrimony: (616) 891-9259
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

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Holy Family Parish Mission Statement
We are called as a family to know, love and serve God.
Save the Date for Shipwrecked VBS
June 18–22 from 9am - 12pm

Special Screening of “The Dating Project”
Save the date for this critically acclaimed movie that follows five modern day singles (ages 20-40) in their quest to find authentic love and meaningful relationships in today’s society. This will be a single engagement event being held on Tuesday, April 17.
Celebration Cinema GR North 7pm
Celebration Cinema at Rivertown Mall 7pm
Cinema Carousel 16, Norton Shores 7pm

Make A Connection That Could Save Lives – Blood Drive Results
Thank you to all who gave the gift of life by donating blood at the Caledonia Community Churches drive on March 13 and responding to the need for blood in your community. 51 donors attempted to donate, with a total of 46 (4 over goal) pints of blood collected. Thank you for your patience as staff worked thru equipment issues and delayed blood donation process due to being short staffed. We are blessed to have such dedicated blood donors.

A special thank you to all volunteers who support this lifesaving ministry: Jean Stover, Shirley Campbell, Sue Sanker, Gary Merritt and office staff at each church.

Congratulations to those who earned their respective blood donation gallon levels: Roger Campbell (4 gallons), Steve Feuerstein (3 gallons), Patrick Pullen (1 gallon), Betsy Ruiter (3 gallons), Deb Schollaart (1 gallon), Lynette Vantil (8 gallons) and Sam Wilkinson (3 gallons). Eight donations = one gallon.

The next blood drive at Holy Family is May 8

The Divine Mercy
Devotion to the Divine Mercy has given a powerful new focus to the Church’s timeless message of God’s Mercy. In His great desire that all souls would come to know and trust in His Infinite Mercy, Jesus revealed a powerful prayer to Sister Maria Faustina, a young, uneducated nun who was born in Krakow in 1905. She prayed this Chaplet of Divine Mercy almost constantly, especially for the dying. Our Lord asked Faustina to spread the devotion and to encourage everyone to pray the mercy chaplet, promising extraordinary graces to those who did. In April 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina, known as the “Apostle of Mercy”, and in accord with Jesus’ request as expressed to Faustina, he officially designated the Sunday following Easter as the Feast of Divine Mercy. Jesus says of this Feast of Mercy:

“On that day the very depths of my tender Mercy are open.

I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy”.
(Faustina’s Diary, 699)

The Image of the Divine Mercy
Our Lord asked Sister Faustina to have a portrait painted of Jesus as Merciful Savior.

The red and white rays in the image represent the blood and water that flowed from His pierced Heart as a fountain of Mercy for us. The image is a reminder to us to come to Jesus in trust, and to be merciful to others. Many different versions of this image have been painted, but Our Lord made it clear that the painting itself is not what is important: “Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush lies the greatness of this image, but in My Grace.”
(Diary, 313)

The Novena to Divine Mercy
Though the Chaplet of Divine Mercy can be prayed at any time, our Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena, especially on the nine days before the Feast of Divine Mercy. The Novena leading to the Feast of Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday. Jesus promised, “By this Novena (of Chaplets) I will grant every possible grace to souls”. (796) We can pray the Novena for our own intentions, or for the daily intentions of Our Lord as given to Sister Faustina.

Feast of Divine Mercy
Sunday, April 8, 2018

Join us in the main church at 2:30 PM for a reflection on God’s Mercy and to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM.
We Are Filled with Easter Joy!

As we celebrate this Easter, we celebrate also the Catechumen and Candidates who were called out of our civic community and into our Church community as they received the Easter Sacraments at our Easter Vigil. Please pray for them, fast for them, greet them, drop them a card, stop by and say hi to them, and invite them into parish ministries and activities with open arms. Here we introduce to you, our community, those who have been received into the Church!

**Catechumen: Baptized, Confirmed & Received Holy Communion:**

**Zach Marsh, Catechumen**, is 29 years old. He has felt called to the Catholic religion since a few years back, but hadn't pursued the process until going to Holy Family. The RCIA program has been beneficial for Zach in answering many questions about the faith and religion that he had not found before. It has helped him to grow as an individual and with his fiancé in their upcoming marriage. Zach looks forward to being part of the Holy Family “family” and continuing in our faith. Zach and Kelly Chase, parishioner, will marry in August. Zach has been supported and guided by his sponsor, Jim Dohm.

**Lukas Nelson, Catechumen**, is 12 years old and is in 6th Grade at Duncan Lake Middle School. His parents, Jessica and Greg, introduced him into the Catholic Faith. He is going through the RCIA process with his younger brother, Grady, with the support of his Mom and Dad. Lukas loves playing football and basketball. He also enjoys hanging out with friends and looks forward to April and their family trip to Tennessee. Lukas delights in learning about God and the stories he hears at Faith Formation classes; he always comes home and has lots of questions for his parents. He looks forward to growing in the Catholic faith and learning as much as he can about God.

**Grady Nelson, Catechumen**, is 10 years old and is in fourth Grade at Kettle Lake Elementary School. His parents, Jessica and Greg, introduced him into the Catholic Faith. He is currently going through the RCIA process with his older brother, Lukas, with the support of his mom and dad. He loves wrestling! He has won five first places medals this year. He also enjoys football and hanging out with his family. He has enjoyed his Faith Formation Classes so much this year; his mom volunteers in his class and loves how patient his Faith Formation Teacher is when he asks 400 questions! He looks forward to many more years and many more questions about God and the Catholic Faith.

**April Brady, Catechumen**, and her family have recently joined Holy Family parish and have been blessed to find such an amazing church community. Her husband, Paul, and our two children have been her pillar and support system as she completes her journey within the RCIA program. Additionally, through this journey, her sponsor, Connie Hales, has helped her stay grounded and has been a sound listening ear. She lives here in the Caledonia community where she enjoys bike riding, yoga, reading, watching her kids’ sporting events, and enjoying the outdoors whenever possible. God definitely has a plan for April, and she is so thankful He is leading the way.

**Maggie Burmania, Catechumen**, is a freshman at Thornapple Kellogg High School in Middleville. Maggie was introduced to the Catholic faith by her mom and her close friend, Megan Chinavare, who has also significantly supported her in learning more about the Catholic Church. Megan started taking Maggie to Bible Study and youth group, where she soon learned of the love and truth in which the Catholic faith is rooted. Her relationship with Jesus has grown tremendously since she started to go to church here and she has been blessed with many experiences that have deepened her faith. Additionally, she has gained many new friends who have helped guide her in the Catholic way of life and share her same belief. Maggie is very excited to be baptized, confirmed, and receive First Communion at the Easter Vigil, and in the future. Maggie’s sponsor is Sharon Albaugh, who has met with her weekly to guide her in the faith, along with Sharon’s husband, Larry.
**Erin Hendges, Candidate**, grew up in Leelanau and Grand Traverse Counties in northern Michigan. She attended Glen Lake Community Dutch Reformed Church in Glen Arbor and Faith Reformed Church in Traverse City, where she was baptized at 19 years old. After attending college at Grand Valley University, she worked in Politics; running campaigns, working in the state Senate and House, fundraising for multiple candidates, and working as a lobbyist and legislative analyst. When she and her husband decided to start a family, Erin became a stay-at-home mom. Erin and her family moved to the area in February 2016, where they have made so many wonderful friends and have been enjoying this beautiful area. When it was time to start her son, Leo, in CFF she had no idea how to help her children’s faith education in the Catholic Church. She decided to start RCIA to help her children and is extremely thankful to the Holy Family Parish Community for their encouragement and support in making her journey possible. What started out as her own Catholic education became a beautiful and powerful journey of Faith. She has never felt a connection with our Lord until now and has felt a calling to pray the rosary daily, to read the bible and understand the love God has for all of us. Her journey has been powerful and overwhelming, but she is finally at peace with herself, thanks to His grace and love. Erin lives with her husband, Jeremy, their children, Leo and Fiona, and their Scottish Collie, Jessica, in Alto, MI. Erin has been supported and guided on her RCIA journey by her sponsor, Jennifer Renegar, and Brittney Spangler.

**Luke Cole, Candidate,** is 11 years old. He attends Paris Ridge Elementary at Caledonia. He has been introduced to his Catholic faith by his family. Luke enjoys playing hockey, baseball, and enjoys camping with his family. He is happy to learn more about his faith in his CFF classes he attends. He's looking forward to receiving Holy Communion with his family, and growing closer to God. Luke and his mom have held “classes” at home for many months to gain more depth in the Catholic faith and grow his relationship with Jesus; she has been a tremendous support for Lucas.

**Olivia Oorbeck, Candidate,** is a 12 year old at Kraft Meadows Middle School in Caledonia. She is a hard worker, great student and competitive swimmer. She is known for being kind to everyone and always brings joy wherever she goes. Olivia loves to draw, sing, ski and snowboard. She is very close to her brother Quinton and misses her sister Liz who passed away this past June. Olivia is strong and has overcome many obstacles in her young age and she has done it with grace and compassion. She is a young warrior and advocate for others! Olivia has been guided and supported by her sponsor who has met with Olivia for months, Lori Pieri.

**Cara Oorbeck, Candidate,** is wife to Mike and mother of three children Quinton, Jaquelynn and Olivia. She transplanted to Caledonia 10 years ago for work. Cara is currently undergoing many transitions after her 18 year old daughter’s suicide this past June. No matter what, Cara has always loved God and pursued spirituality in her life. She has been a part of serving and loving others with God’s love in some capacity for the majority of her adult life. She is known to be strong willed and an advocate for what she believes in. She loves to ski, garden, paint, read and spend time with the people she loves most. Cara has met with her sponsor, John Bursch, and his wife, Angela, for many months, deepening their faith and growing in the Spirit together.

**Josie Wilcox, Candidate,** is a 5th grade student at Cross Creek Charter Academy. She lives in Caledonia with her parents, Damon and Sarah, and her sister, Lexi. She loves to travel, camp and has a passion for soccer. She plays for Midwest United on the Directors Academy team. Josie loves to play outside with her friends and family. In the summer she enjoys time at the pool and time on the lake. She will attend middle school in Caledonia next year and is very excited. Her favorite food is enchiladas and she hopes to become a nurse when she is older. Rechelle Goosen is Josie’s sponsor and they have met often to grow in the Catholic faith.

**Grant James Cabasaan, Candidate,** is in the 3rd grade at Cross Creek NHA school in Byron Center. Grant enjoys the family dog, Lily, and helping his friends: Jordan S., Jace, Remy, and Sean. He is supported in his sacramental journey by his sister, Madelyne; his dad, Gabe; his mom, Amanda; and his stepmom, Anna, who is his sponsor.
4th & 5th gr. Cross Roads Day Retreat Recap

Students spent time traveling the Way of the Cross through games, group activities, interactive stations, and reflective prayer. Many said their favorite part was learning about Adoration from one of our High School PEER Ministers and then getting to participate in a Praise and Worship Adoration. Some of the comments I heard from the students included: “Jesus? Right there in the same room with me? That’s REALLY cool!” and, “It was really cool to hear those songs about Jesus, with Jesus right there!!” said one student. Our small group leaders commented on the deep spirituality of these kids and how engaged they were in every experience. Many of you may have seen our window art decoration in St. Joe hall celebrating that Jesus did not stay on the cross or in the tomb but rose and walks with us in our journey every day.

Many thanks to all those who volunteered for the Cross Roads retreat last month. You gave of your time, and talent, but most importantly you shared your faith journey with the next generation of Catholics.

Lesley Jeruzal
Elementary CFF Coordinator

April Faith Formation Classes

- Middle School Faith Formation - Classes resume Sunday, April 15 and will end on April 29. There are no classes April 1 and 8 for Easter and Spring Break.
- Elementary Faith Formation Classes resume on April 9 & 11 and will end on April 23 and 25. There are no classes April 2 and 4 for Spring Break.
- Early Childhood - Classes resume April 8 and end on April 29. There is no class on April 1 for Easter.

Happy Easter!!!
**Singers and Guitarists Needed:**
Our music ministry is in need of singers and guitar players for the 5pm Saturday masses and also the 11am Sunday mass. Many of our current music ministers are doing two masses each weekend to make sure there are people at each weekend mass to lead the singing. I can’t tell you how much I have appreciated their commitment to all of us, but I sure would like to make life a little easier on everybody.

Signers, don’t worry if you can’t read music it will come with practice. We practice Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the choir room. If you can’t make Tuesday rehearsals (depending on the week) it would be fine to come to practice the hour before mass.

Guitarists, on the other hand, need to read music. Please, if you are looking for a way to give a little more of yourself to God, this would a perfect way; your parish family would so greatly appreciate and welcome you.

I’d like to give a big thanks to all our youth music ministers. It’s so exciting to see this program growing. Parents, that is in large part due to you and your commitment to getting them to rehearsals! My love for church started when I was in the choir as a kid. It has always been a strong foundation of my faith life and I’m sure will be for your children, as well. A warm thank you to Aline and Sheryl who lovingly work with our precious youngsters! You rock it ladies!

I would also love to hear your feedback, answer any questions or hear your requests concerning the music ministry. I have an office in St. Joe’s Hall. You can always just slip a note under the door, send me an email or just come and talk to me. God bless you and your family during this rich celebration of the Easter season!

Lisa, music@holyfamilycaledonia.org

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**Please Mark Your Calendars for Our Annual Cemetery Clean-Up! Rain or Shine!**

**St. Joseph** – Saturday April 28 9am-12pm  
*Location:* Corner of Patterson and 146th Street

**St. Patrick** – Saturday May 5 9am-12pm  
*Location:* 92nd street SE (East of Whitneyville)

**St. Mary’s** – Saturday May 19 9am-12pm  
*Location:* Corner of Kraft and 52nd

If you can help on all the dates listed or just an hour, we’ll be grateful for any help you can provide! Bring your gloves, leaf blower, rake and pruning shears.

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**4th Annual Hanging Flower Basket Sale!**

*All proceeds will benefit our cemeteries!*

We will once again be selling hanging flower baskets to help with our cemeteries. Orders can be placed on April 28/29and May 5/6 after all Masses. The last day to place an order is May 6. Hanging baskets may be picked up at the barn on May 12 from 9am-12pm.

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**Save the Date**

**Saturday, April 21.**

We will be preparing the Meditation Garden for the summer on Saturday, April 21! Come join us 9am-noon! Rain or shine! Many hands are needed!

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**Ladies of the Parish**

Holy Family Council of Catholic Women will host an evening with Thomas Black, a 14 year Navy Seal Veteran with 10 years in Private Security and degrees in Homeland Security. He will speak on “**Safety and Security**”. Come and hear valuable security awareness tips and practical ideas to help you stay safe in your daily routines and protect yourselves from harm. The talk will take place on April 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm. in St. Mary’s Hall.

**Sign up to attend on the sheet in Ministry Hallway beginning April 2**

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**Chalice for Vocations**

We are all encouraged to pray for each other in discerning and faithfully living our life vocation. Consider bringing the parish Chalice of Vocations home for one week, to pray for vocations with family or friends! If your family is interested in this beautiful ministry, please sign up on the Ministry Cart, or contact Barbara in the parish office:

directorofworship@holyfamilycaledonia.org  
891-9259 ext. 238

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**First Communions Masses:**

**Sat., April 14 at 5pm and Sun., April 15 at 11am.**
Auction 2018 – “God at Work”

The Second Annual Auction is almost here. We have many great gift donations already but of course we could still use more. Are you stumped on what to donate? Try donating a gift card to your favorite restaurant or shopping spot OR you can donate CASH and we will shop for the donation for you. In order to have your item listed in the book please make sure we receive the item description by April 23rd. All donations may be dropped off to the Parish Office.

In order to make the Auction a success we also need your attendance at the event. Last year this was a SOLD-OUT event. Don’t delay, return your RSVP as soon as possible. The invitations can be found on the Parish website or in the Parish Office. Dinner, drinks, entertainment and lots to bid on all for only $25.00 per person. Must be over 21 years of age to attend.

Questions? Please email to auction@holyfamilycaledonia.org

Thank you for helping us support our Local Veterans Home and the people in need of medical supplies in Uganda.