

Feeding Our Faith

15th Anniversary Edition



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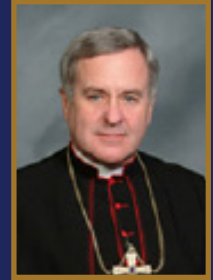


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Our Leaders' Vision on Our Anniversary



“What a wonderful occasion to come together. Bishop Gruss, I would like you to know how inspiring it is for me to hear about the incredible ways in which the CCFMM has grown from its humble beginnings and continues to thrive each year. Hats off to the people of the Diocese of Saginaw for their great generosity. Hats off to the leadership of the Foundation over the years. And a special thanks to those people who work so hard to make sure funds are being invested wisely. This is a tremendous service to the people of the Diocese. It helps the church fulfill its mission of sharing the love of Jesus Christ. You have indeed blessed the Diocese and the ministries and organizations it supports.”



- Archbishop Robert Carlson, fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw



“What a blessing for our diocese! For more than 15 years the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan has been serving the Diocese of Saginaw in support of various ministries throughout the diocese. The vision of Archbishop Robert Carlson has bore much fruit over these past 15 years. The support of the CCFMM to our parishes, schools and diocesan ministries has been a wonderful blessing in helping us carry on the mission of Jesus Christ. I congratulate the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan on the celebration of their 15th anniversary. May the Lord continue to bless their ministry.”

- Bishop Robert Gruss, current Bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw

The Anniversary Mass



Prayers from our Priests



“Many blessings to the CCFMM as it continues its generous stewardship of helping various organizations with needed funds. God bless you for 15 wonderful years.”

- Fr. Steve Gavit, Saint Dominic Parish

“May the Lord bring to fulfillment the good work that has begun at the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan. The work of investing in the future ministries of our parishes and schools will bear fruit that lasts!”

- Fr. Andrew Booms, St. Brigid of Kildare Parish



“Heavenly Father, bless our people with a profound experience of your Son’s inexpressible love for us. May our hearts burn with a desire to share the love of Christ through our words and deeds.”

- Fr. Andrew LaFramboise, Saint Agnes Parish

“Heavenly Father, you have made us in your image and created the world to provide for our needs. In the fullness of time, though we were undeserving, you gave us our greatest gift, eternal salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ. Furthermore, that we might live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us, you sent us the gift of the Holy Spirit, the first fruits of our promised eternal inheritance. Recognizing you as the source of all that is, we humbly implore your blessing upon the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan as it celebrates 15 years of service to the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Saginaw. We also ask your blessing upon the benefactors of CCFMM, that you would receive their financial generosity as a gift pleasing to you for the good of the Church and those most in need. Through the intercession of your Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe, we beseech you, who are all good and deserving of all our love. Hear us, O Lord. Amen.”



- Fr. Stephen Blaxton, Holy Family Parish

Gratitude Messages



Even though 2020 was an unprecedented year, you continued to follow your faith by serving people in great need around the world. Thank you for your incredible generosity this past year. You are truly an ambassador of hope.

- Catholic Relief Services



It is because of the grant through the CCFMM that we are able to provide our 6th grade students with their own Bibles, thus allowing a seed of faith to be planted at the start of their secondary education! Thank you Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan.

- Janna Witten, Sixth Grade Teacher at Nouvel Catholic Central Schools



We are very thankful for the continuous support that the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan has given our Catholic schools, especially St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School, since its creation. I remember all the questions and doubts we had back then. St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School's motto is *Small enough to care. Big enough to make a difference.* Thank you for being our partners in caring and making a difference in the lives of children in the Thumb.

- St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School



Motivational Messages



The Fr. Craig Albrecht Catholic Education Fund for Children with Special Needs

“The CCFMM has a fund named after Fr. Craig Albrecht that supports the education for children with special needs. In honor of the memory of Fr. Craig Albrecht we make these donations in memory of our members. We felt this was a great way to honor his name and remembrance.”

- Christine Smigel, President of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary #4232

The Hopeful Future Scholarship

“Life must be valued and protected not by words and beliefs alone; actions must follow. We established this scholarship in order to provide tangible hope, support, and security to mothers and their children, both born and unborn. Partnering with CCFMM allowed us to remain true to our Catholic values and to network with donors who share these same values.”

- Matthew Bartels, Past President, and Madison Velez, Current President of Protect Life SVSU

The William and Melanie Jungerheld Endowment Fund for the Bishop's Mission

“My decision to open an endowment with CCFMM was based on intense gratitude to God for His direct involvement in my life. Setting aside His helping me survive several potentially fatal illnesses, He intervened directly in my career. He gave me certain talents which I initially didn't realize. I headed into industry in a program that would help with college costs. I disliked that intensely, but belatedly realized, with God's help, what I should do. God put two people in my path who were instrumental in facilitating my long educational path to my eventual profession. That profession turned out to be very rewarding in several ways, and permitted a wonderful life for my late wife and me. In my view, what I have accumulated is due to God's direction and guidance. Nothing is more appropriate than to return this to God who made it happen.”

- William Jungerheld, Legacy Donor



Inspired by St. Joseph



St. Joseph was a quiet man, strong and righteous. We never hear him speak in the Bible, yet we know he certainly listened. He lived behind the scenes, fulfilling God's command to him that he love and protect Jesus and Mary. Thus the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan (CCFMM) has established a new fund in the holy name of St. Joseph, faithful spouse and father.

Kristin Smith, CCFMM Executive Director, was inspired to create the Saint Joseph Giving Society (SJGS) based on the present urgent behind-the-scenes needs she sees at the Foundation. To continue to operate effectively beyond its first 15 years, Kristin believes the Foundation needs a funding support for staffing and operational expenses. In addition, this fund will also be a source of revenue for evangelization such as providing all 6th grade students in the Saginaw Catholic Diocese with their own Bibles.

Just as St. Joseph heard and acted on God's call, Kristin prays the community will be receptive to CCFMM's request for donations to the SJGS. According to Kristin, "The St. Joseph Giving Society will help CCFMM annually disperse nearly \$1.5 million in funds, scholarships, and donor advised funds."

Giving from the Heart



Bishop Robert Gruss gives his blessing and full support to the St. Joseph Giving Society by offering the following benefits for each level of giving:



\$1,000 Giving Level - An invitation to the Summer Picnic & Annual Mass



\$5,000 Giving Level - An invitation to an Advent or Lenten Retreat Day,
Summer Picnic and Annual Mass



\$10,000 Giving Level—Dinner with Bishop Gruss, invitation to Advent or Lenten
Retreat Day, and Summer Picnic & Annual Mass

In this year of St. Joseph, as established by Pope Francis, Joe Day, CCFMM Board member since 2019, believes the establishment of the SJGS is vital. Joe currently serves on the CCFMM Executive and Development Committees, and he says the creation of the SJGS has been the Development Committee's primary task for the past several months.

According to Joe, "The objective of the SJGS is to support the operational costs of the Foundation, which will allow us to reduce the amount deducted from the annual earnings of the CCFMM. If a certain number of people donate to the SJGS on an annual basis, this allows us to distribute more money to the philanthropic funds, those which support scholarships, schools, seminarians, and the poor."

Written by Mary Beth Looby

For assistance in donating to the **St. Joseph Giving Society** Contact Kristin Smith at 989.599.0079

Scholarship Announcement



The Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan is excited to utilize our new scholarship application process!

Over the past year the CCFMM transitioned to a new software system called Community Suite. This software system not only allows us to increase the management and organization of our endowments, but it provides us the opportunity to administer our scholarships through an online portal.

This online portal for both high school and college scholarships, will be the only path for applying for scholarships. We will be happy to assist you as we transition to no longer accepting hard copy applications.

For scholarship application tutorial videos and pdf instructions, please visit our website
at www.ccfmm.org/grants/

If you have questions or need assistance with the scholarship applications, please
feel free to contact Connor Rabine at connor.rabine@ccfmm.org or 989.797.6684
The CCFMM phone number will be changing effective February 2022! Stay tuned!

Nouvel Scholarships

The Bob Logan Memorial Scholarship

The Craig Siler Scholarship

The Cesario Hernandez Memorial Scholarship

The Fr. E.C. LeFevre College Scholarship

The Larry J. Oswald Memorial Scholarship

The Maria Elizabeth Paquette Memorial Scholarship

The Northwest Kiwanis Scholarship

The Patrick Ackerman Scholarship

The Rod Luplow Memorial Scholarship

The Shannan Marie Thompson Memorial Scholarship

The Scott Dangel Scholarship

The St. Thomas Aquinas Slominski Scholarship

The Timothy Horny Nouvel Baseball Scholarship

The Val and Julie Kostrewa Scholarship

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish Specific Scholarship

The Berberovich Memorial Fund

**We are now accepting
applications for
College Scholarships!**

All Saints Central Scholarships

The Lori Stillwell Memorial Scholarship

General Scholarships

*The Anthony & Elizabeth Brenske
Memorial Scholarship*

*The Cyril William Brenske Memorial
Scholarship*

*The Edward and Marie Abele Memorial
Scholarship*

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"All things work together for good to those

who love God, who have been called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28

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Helping People Help People!

We hope you enjoyed the 15th Anniversary Special Edition of *Feeding Our Faith*, a quarterly publication by the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan.

New stories and endowments are featured monthly.

Mission Statement

*We encourage faithful giving that is responsibly managed
and reflective of the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

We hope to hear from you!

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Letter from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

As the saying goes “a picture says a thousand words.” The CCFMM’s 15th Anniversary Celebration Mass and reception pictures capture moments of devotion, reverence, and fellowship. Many volunteers worked to make this a very special event.

Thank you to the Anniversary Planning Committee, Maureen Becker, Ruth Buko, Steve Wilkowksi, Connor Rabine and Michele Driver. Thank you to our Cross-bearer, Mike Shabluk, procession candle bearers, Mike Leen and Mike Cavanaugh, lector Bill Jungerheld. Thank you, Fr. Andy Booms, for stepping in at the last moment to celebrate Mass. Your Quinceanera “coming of age” homily highlighted the importance of this milestone. And thank you to those who were able to celebrate our anniversary with us in person, virtually and in prayer. We appreciate you and the years you have helped the CCFMM reach this milestone.

The CCFMM Board of Trustees, Committee members and Staff wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Kristin Smith, Executive Director



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of the *St. Joseph Giving Society!*

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We are ready to assist you in planning your gift to the church!



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