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Greetings Catholic Charities,

What a spectacular Faith in Action event we had this year! Our largest crowd, inspiring speakers, great food and fellowship all made for an amazing evening. We cannot say THANK YOU enough to our dedicated sponsors, table captains, board members and volunteers who helped make it a success.

This is the time of year we all get caught up in the busyness of life while planning for holidays. We ask that you keep Catholic Charities in your prayers as we wrap up our year, too.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Catholic Charities Connections*!

Faith in Action



Our 8th annual Faith in Action fundraising event was a great success, raising a record amount of funds. Once again this year, our amazing "Men in Black" were out to show their support and lead us in our closing activity.

With generous support from our event sponsors (see below), we were able to offset the cost of hosting the event, allowing all donations to go directly to our work across our three counties. THANK YOU, SPONSORS!



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Our amazing donors came through big to help support our work across our three counties. With many becoming members of our **St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Society**, we are better poised to plan for the future and continue our important work for the vulnerable in our community. For our new Society members, we WELCOME you! To all those who gave, we appreciate you. THANK YOU, DONORS!





Mr. Pete Burak from Renewal Ministries was our keynote speaker, inspiring guests to listen to God's call. And Fr. Tim MacDonald served as our main celebrant for Mass.



Joe in Black Ministries
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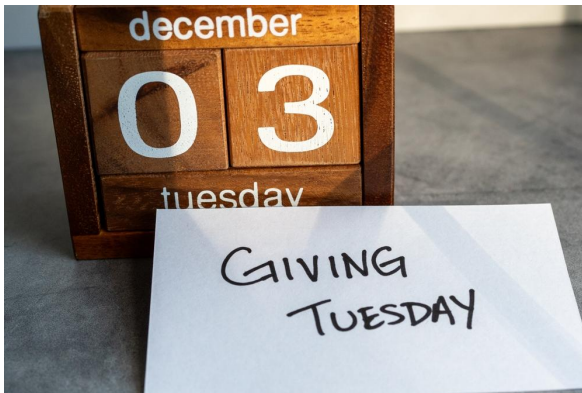


CCJLHC Executive Director Sue Lewis and Fr. Joe Krupp at Holy Family Parish, Adrian, MI.

On Friday, October 18th, Catholic Charities and [Holy Family Parish](#) in Adrian were pleased to welcome Fr. Joe Krupp (former pastor of Sacred Heart in Hudson and St. Mary on the Lake in Manitou Beach) back to our area. Fr. Joe and his crew produced his live podcast broadcast on location at Holy Family's St. Joseph campus, home of our Foster Care and Adoption program.

Follow Fr. Joe's work [here](#).

Upcoming Events



You Don't Need to Wait for Giving Tuesday!

Each year, nonprofit organizations everywhere rely on **Giving Tuesday** to help finish their year off financially strong. If you shop on Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday but still don't have that perfect gift, you can make a meaningful tribute donation on Giving Tuesday. Your gift shows your loved one you thought of caring for others on their behalf, making a difference in the lives of our clients, your neighbors in need. What better way is there to honor Jesus' birthday?

Tribute or memorial gifts can be made at any time of year. Simply list your honored name(s) in the comments with your online gift or in the memo line on your check.

Give online [here](#)... and give a gift that will positively impact our community.

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Another Day, Another Memory (ADAM)

Our ADAM program provides caring support for those navigating grief and loss of a loved one. With the guidance of a trained professional therapist, these free sessions are provided in a group setting, helping those who are grieving recognize that they are not alone on this difficult journey.

To find out more about our meeting schedule, call us at 517.782.2551 or email ADAM@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE in your grief journey.

Join us on Sunday, December 8th and be a part of the Worldwide Candle Lighting Memorial Service. You can be a part of something very moving, lighting a candle in memory of your loved one as others are doing the same around the globe.

This event will be held in our ADAM meeting room in the Jackson office. Please call 517.782.2551 to register.

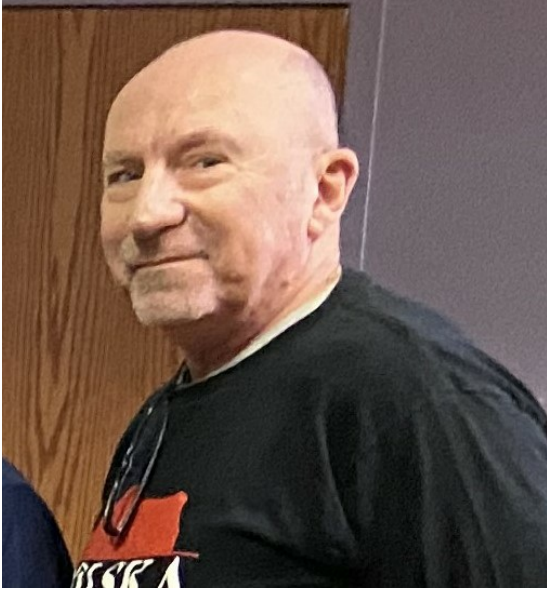


In Memory...

Remembering Chuck Parylak

One of our long-time volunteers with our Senior Transportation program passed away recently. Chuck Parylak helped Catholic Charities' clients get to their critical medical appointments for over 10 years, ensuring they were comfortable and arrived safely back home. Chuck was often called upon to fill in for other drivers, and was always willing to give of himself to help others. He will be missed by our staff, our clients, and our community.

Kristen Gottschalk, our Senior



Transportation Coordinator, reflects on her experience with Chuck as a volunteer, saying:

"Chuck's legacy will live on in others. He was a very selfless, loving, devoted husband, father and grandfather and to those lucky enough to call him friend! If there was a need, Chuck was there with whatever you asked. Whether it was driving last minute transportation clients, helping families at Christmas, wherever he could volunteer his time. Chuck did not want to be thanked, recognized or paid for what he did. He just did! He never complained and was always happy to do and to help! He is missed by everyone that had the honor and pleasure of knowing him. "

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in helping us stuff envelopes for our annual **Christmas appeal**, please contact our Development staff at [517.879.0599](tel:517.879.0599). We have a big job ahead of us, with roughly 12,000 holiday greetings being mailed out in November.

Become a volunteer driver for our **Senior Transportation** program! We need caring, dedicated drivers to help Jackson area seniors attend their medical appointments. Kristen can provide details and get you started on this rewarding journey by calling [517.783.6102](tel:517.783.6102).

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