

# Catholic Charities

## Connections

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Greetings!

It is hard to image that it's already time for students to head back to class and our world to turn to "pumpkin spice everything". Yet here we are. At Catholic Charities, we are in the throes of planning our big fundraising event and getting ready to kick off end-of-year giving campaigns. This is always a busy time for our staff as families get back into routines.

Can we ask a small favor? Please share this edition of *Catholic Charities Connections* with three friends or family members and ask them to subscribe to receive our newsletter. Easy enough. This helps us get the word out about the important work we do every day.

Thanks for being one of engaged community members! We appreciate you. Please continue to keep our agency in your prayers.

## Faith in Action Event



### Save the Date: *Faith in Action* Fundraising Dinner

Tuesday 9/23:  
Mass at 6PM | Dinner to Follow

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
913 Napoleon Rd.  
Michigan Center, MI



Guest Speaker: Adam Janke  
COO at St. Paul Street Evangelization

9th Annual Fundraising Event Planned

We are pleased to announce that we still have seats available for our ***Faith in Action*** event. This important fundraiser helps support our work all year long by raising money for our general operations. We encourage guests to consider joining our St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Society with a pledge of support to help us plan for the future and manage our budget well.

### SEATING IS LIMITED - REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

The evening is filled with information and stories about our work, and this year features **Mr. Adam Janke** from **St. Paul Street Evangelization** as our keynote speaker. If you are interested in joining us for this special evening, please call **517.260.0718** to sign up.

### Can't attend? We still need you!

Although this special event is key to reaching our annual fundraising goal, you can still help even if you cannot attend. We encourage you to consider joining the **St. Teresa of Calcutta Giving Society** with your pledge of support (download the form **HERE**). Or, maybe a monthly donation in any amount as a **Catholic Charities Angel** makes things easier on your budget. You can **donate online** and select 'monthly' in the frequency dropdown menu to make that happen. There are many ways to make an impact - we are here to make giving easy. Call us at **517-260-0718** or email **development@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org** today!

### We Count on Your Sponsorship!

Our sponsors help by underwriting the cost to host our event, leaving all donations to go directly to support our work. Sponsorships for our Faith in Action event are still open. Please return all forms by September 9th to be included in the marketing for the event.

***Click the image to download the form!***



## Thank You!



### Christmas Update

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we raised enough during our **Christmas in July** campaign to enroll all of our foster kids in the **Operation Good Cheer** program.

You are making a difference!

# Butterfly Memorial Event for ADAM

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Our annual memorial event for our **ADAM (Another Day, Another Memory)** program was a great success. It was a beautiful evening at St. Rita parish in Clarklake for the butterfly release. Nearly 50 participants released butterflies to honor and remember their loved ones who have passed. Fr. Bosco (of St. Rita) opened the memorial with a prayer. He emphasized how the butterflies remind us of the hope of eternal life and how the souls of our loved ones are with God. A cookout followed the butterfly release thanks to the wonderful St. Rita Knights of Columbus. The hope-filled evening concluded with fellowship and food in the church hall.

To see additional photos from the event and more information on our ADAM program, click [here](#).





CCJLHC Clinical Director Lisa Veenstra provided introductions and insights. Lisa also serves as our ADAM Program Manager.



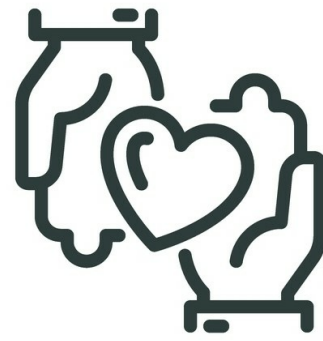
Fr. Bosco offered an opening prayer and a nice reflection on grief for those in attendance.



## Matching Funds Helps Double Your Donation

**Where do you work?** Many employers will match contributions to nonprofits like us. If you

aren't sure, you can ask your employer's Human Resources department and see if your donation will be matched. Want more information? Email our Development staff [HERE](#).



## Join our Team

We are always looking for amazing people to join our team. Current openings are also posted on LinkedIn. Share our listings with others who may be interested and help us spread the word.

Careers

## Board of Directors Highlight



### Neysa Stacey

Mrs. Neysa Stacey has served on Catholic Charities' Board of Directors since 2022. She helps guide the work of the agency as part of the Development Committee. Neysa is deeply rooted in her faith and community, proudly married to Deacon Ron Stacey. She is also a seasoned nursing professional with over 20 years of clinical and leadership experience. She currently serves as faculty in the Nursing

Neysa and Deacon Ron have also served as volunteers for events at Catholic Charities.

When asked why she is involved with Catholic Charities, Neysa responds:

*"I'm involved with Catholic Charities because it speaks directly to the part of me shaped by both faith and experience. Years spent at the bedside in the ER and in hospice taught me that every life holds immeasurable dignity, even in its most fragile moments. Catholic doctrine calls us to honor that truth, to serve with compassion, and to stand beside the most vulnerable. Supporting the mission of Catholic Charities, where compassion, presence, and service come together to uplift those most in need reflects a lifelong commitment to walk alongside others with empathy, faith, and the belief that each of us deserve to know the mercy*



Program at Siena Heights University, where she mentors the next generation of compassionate, skilled caregivers.

*and grace Christ offers us."*

## Plan Now For the Future

It is never too early to start planning for the future. You can [leave a lasting legacy](#) through a variety of ways. It might be a one time larger donation through a will or trust, or it could be a designation as a beneficiary from your stocks, bonds, or life insurance. Maybe you have crypto or tangible property to make a plan for. A lasting legacy means you can make a difference well into the future. It is important for your legacy to reflect your faith and values.

Consider including Catholic Charities in your estate planning process so you can continue to [create hope](#) for generations to come.

For more helpful information about wills and estates, read more [HERE](#). You can also visit our Legacy Giving page at: [catholiccharitiesjlhc.org/legacy-donations](https://catholiccharitiesjlhc.org/legacy-donations).



Donate Today

Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to see what is happening and to watch for upcoming [volunteer opportunities](#).





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