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BELLA ITALIA!



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Andi Brancato
William Cariano
Joe DiSano
Aiden Shelle
Joan Spagnuolo**

Thank you. Grazie.



Tony De Luca, President



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, Supporters, and Prospective New-Members:

Welcome Summer! Another exciting two months are planned of events and happenings! As President, I am honored to serve such a dedicated and vibrant group of individuals who share a passion for preserving and celebrating our rich Italian heritage.

Our club continues to thrive because of the commitment, generosity, and enthusiasm of our members. Through our cultural programs, social events, charitable activities, and community outreach, we honor the traditions of our ancestors while building meaningful connections for future generations.

In the upcoming months, we look

forward to creating new opportunities to celebrate Italian culture, language, history, and family values. Whether you are a longtime member or joining us for the first time, your participation helps strengthen our organization and enriches our community.

I encourage everyone to become involved, attend our events, and invite family and friends to experience the warmth and fellowship that make our club so special.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Together, we will preserve our heritage, celebrate our traditions, and create lasting memories. *Thank you. Grazie.*

With gratitude and best wishes,

Tony

SANT' IPPOLITO FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 9, 2026—the 88th year celebration of **Sant' Ippolito Festival**, (also known as Bunkerhill). This has been a long-standing traditional gathering and celebration of Saint Ippolito and a town in Calabria, Italy, which carries the same name. A mass will be celebrated at **12:00 Noon**, at Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian Catholic Church, 1320 Catholic Church Road, Leslie, MI. The event is hosted by the Sant' Ippolito Society—<https://ippolitosociety.com>.

Following mass there will be a procession and then everyone can enjoy a picnic with delicious food that attendees have brought from home. Also, kids' games, raffle, and plenty of other fun-filled activities are planned. Tables and (8) chairs can be rented for a cost of \$35.00. Please see the flyer in the newsletter, for more details and information.

Come and attend this wonderful traditional event which celebrates our beautiful Italian culture, traditions, and heritage. Grazie.



TAILGATE EVENT

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF LANSING TAILGATE

Sept. 12th, 2026

7:00am-Game End

Southeast Corner of the MSU Union



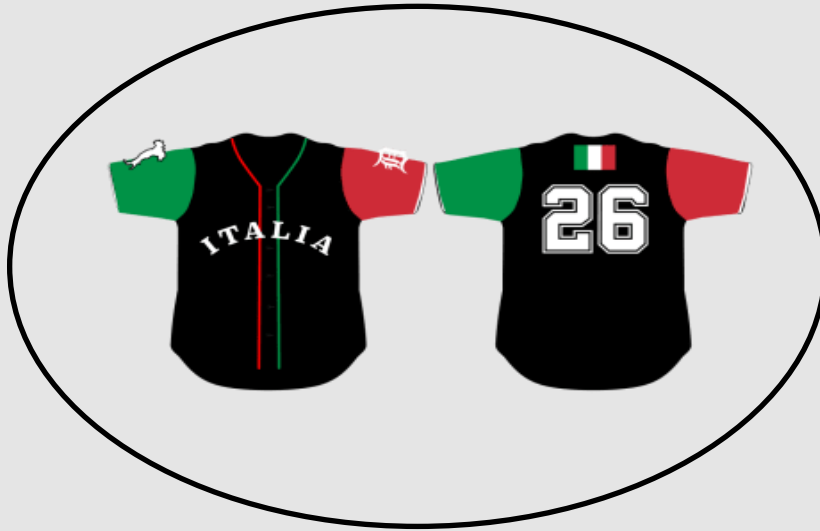
Please join us for this year's IACL's tailgate on the MSU campus, on **Saturday, Sept. 12th**! This year's tailgate will once again be graciously co-hosted by Beaumont Bronze, who have been tailgating at MSU Football games for the last nine years, and is coordinated by IACL's Vice President, Dane Dario.

Festivities will begin at **7:00 am**, as that is when MSU opens campus for night games. There will be food, drinks, entertainment, and games throughout the course of the day leading up to kickoff. Attendees are more than welcome to stay at the tailgate for the game as it will be aired at the tailgate on a 100" projector screen.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a plate to share around, but it is not required, however this event is BYOB. Stay tuned for an official Facebook event that will share greater details as we get closer to the big day.



ITALIAN HERITAGE NIGHT—COMERICA PARK



Celebrate Italian Heritage with other Italian American Clubs from around the state, at Comerica Park , with this Special Ticket Package.

Packages include limited-edition Italian Heritage jersey and game ticket when the Guardians visit Detroit.

***Wednesday, Aug 12th, 6:40 PM -
Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Guardians***

For ticket package visit: <https://www.mlb.com/tigers/tickets/specials/events>

IF THERE IS ENOUGH INDIVIDUAL INTEREST IN ATTENDING THIS BASEBALL GAME. WE WILL EXPLORE THE COST POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING AND COST BUS TRANSPORTATION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BUS TRANSPORTATION. SEND AN EMAIL TO: IACOFLANSING@GMAIL.COM.



WEST MICHIGAN - FESTA ITALIANA

It's back for another year!

On Friday, July 24th and Saturday, July 25th: The West Michigan Italian Festival a vibrant celebration of Italian culture, food, music, and traditions, bringing the community together for an unforgettable experience. Kids activities, bocce ball tournament, Italian car show, and much more....

Join in showcasing and preserving the beauty of Italian heritage! This event will honor the many great contributions of Pete Secchia. Learn more by visiting <https://westmichiganitalianfestival.com>.

"Festa Italiana"

Friday, July 24th and

Saturday, July 25th.

*350-84th St. SW
Tanger Outlets,
Byron Center, MI
12:00 noon to 9:00 pm*



IAC OF LANSING—PICNIC EVENT



On Sunday, August 23rd, we are hosting a picnic at Granger Meadows Park, 16980 Wood Rd., Lansing, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon of delicious food, fun, and friendship for the entire family!

We will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs (Italian Sausage), and bottled water. Please bring a dish for potluck (salads, desserts, vegetables, etc...) to share. Bring your own picnic settings and soft drinks. **NO** alcohol is allowed at the park.

We plan on having a friendly bocce ball tournament, teams will be arranged at the start of the tournament.



Bevanda fresca (cool drink)!

Don't Sweat It!

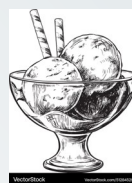
Looking for the perfect refreshment for a hot summer evening? How about a cool Italian ice? Here's what you'll need to make **smooth and refreshing Italian ice**:

2 cups fresh fruit or fruit juice (lemon, cherry, mango, strawberry, blueberry—get creative!)

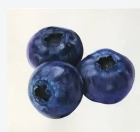
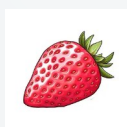
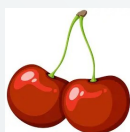
½ cup granulated sugar (or honey for a natural option)

1 cup water

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice (for brightness)



Italian ice comes in so many amazing flavors! Here are some of our favorites:



Lemon: Classic, bright, and super refreshing. **Cherry:** Sweet, tart, and loaded with real cherry flavor. **Mango:** Smooth and tropical—like a frozen sunset in a cup! **Strawberry:** Naturally sweet and full of summer vibes. **Blueberry:** A little tart, a little sweet, and totally delicious.

How to Make Italian Ice

Making Italian ice at home is ****super easy****—no fancy equipment required! Just follow these simple steps:

- **Make the Simple Syrup:** Heat the sugar and water in a saucepan over low heat until the sugar dissolves. Let it cool completely.
- **Blend Everything:** In a blender, combine the fruit (or fruit juice), simple syrup, and lemon juice. Blend until completely smooth.
- **Freeze and Stir:** Pour the mixture into a shallow dish and freeze for about 3-4 hours, stirring every 30 minutes to break up ice crystals. This is what gives it that perfect *smooth and scoopable texture*!
- **Scoop and Enjoy:** Once fully frozen, scoop into cups and serve immediately. (Or store in the freezer for later—if you can resist!)

Cooking Class— held on June 9th! "Ah Pizza"

Doughy hands and tomato splats were the order of the evening when members gathered at the Allen Neighborhood Center's kitchen to learn the skills needed for fresh pizza making. Led by Kitchen Queen Carmen DeLorenzo with assistance from Chef Matt, "students" made individual batches of dough to take home, then stretched and formed their own pizzas with dough that had been made and proofed in advance. They mashed and crushed tomatoes to make homemade sauce, then following a lesson on proper usage of knives by Chef Matt, cut up fresh zucchini, onions and mozzarella as their toppings. Into the 500 degree oven and 8 minutes later, ecco! Delizioso!



Cooking Instructor & Board Member: Prof. Carmen De Lorenzo



Look at the concentration!!!



Making homemade pizza sauce.



Special "thank you" to Giorgio Burigana, board member, for organizing the cooking class at Allen Neighborhood Center.

SOCIAL HOUR – ORA SOCIALE!

IACL Social Night



**Enjoy made to order
deli sandwiches,
salads, and Italian
sweet treats.**

**Fresh made
Italian Coffee
also available!!!**

**July 23rd
6-8PM**



**Sidestreets Deli
116 S. Cochrane Ave.
Charlotte**

Join us on Thursday, July 23rd from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm, at Sidestreets Delicatessen and Bakery, in Charlotte, MI. Parking is available in the back of the business.

This IACL Social Night is open to current and prospective members. You can order a delicious sandwich and Italian desserts, while you are sharing a conversation with fellow members. Come and enjoy an evening of mingling and learning more about the Italian American Club of Lansing. **See you there!!**





**Thank you to all those that have and
continue to provide us freedom!**



ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF LANSING

Our Mission is to foster and maintain our proud Italian heritage, culture, and traditions for the next generations.

We offer a variety of activities, from cultural, sporting heritage events, concerts, dinner, events. We love to gather for festivals celebrating our common heritage. From here to Detroit we are all one group united in a common cause: community and the love for God, Country and Family.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **Board meeting**, July 9th, 6:30 pm, Foster Community Center
- **Festa Italiana**—Freedom Hills Park, Sterling Heights, Michigan—July 17th, 18th, and 19th. Sponsored by Italian American Chamber of Commerce.
- **West Michigan Festa Italiana**—July 24th and 25th, Tanger Mall, Byron Center, from 12:00 to 9:00 pm.
- **Social Night**—July 23rd, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Side Streets Deli & Bakery, Charlotte, MI,
- **Board Meeting**—August 6th, 6:30 pm, Foster Community Center, Room 211
- **Sant' Ippolito Festival**—hosted by Sant' Ippolito Society, Bunkerhill Township, Sunday, August 9th
- **Italian Heritage**—Detroit Tigers, Comerica Park, Detroit, MI—Wednesday, August 12th, 6:40 pm. Italian baseball jersey with the purchase of special ticket package.
- **IACL Picnic**—Sunday, August 23rd, Granger Meadows Park, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Please note that dates and times of events, are subject to changes.

If you have a recipe(s) or newsworthy items to share for an upcoming newsletter edition, send information to:

iacoflansing@gmail.com.



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**If have yet to renew your
membership, please do so
today!**

Or, if not a member. Join today!

Or, become a sponsor supporter!

Visit: <https://www.lansingiac.org/>

Like us on Facebook!

A special thank you to Andi Brancato, member, for her article contributions to this newsletter.



Italian American Club of Lansing

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (check selection)

☐ **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

☐ **RENEWAL**

(Membership year is May 1st to April 30th)

Member(s) Name: _____

Italian Family Name Affiliation (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Family Membership: (names of children)

Membership Category/Fee: (check applicable category):

☐ **\$45.00/Family** (children up to 18 years of age) ☐ **\$35.00/Individual** (18 years or older)

☐ **\$15.00/Senior/Retiree** (70 years & older) ☐ **\$20.00/Student** (ages 18 to 25)

☐ **\$30.00/Associate/Supporter** (referred by 2 active members)

For Associate/Supporter membership - provide referral by: _____

☐ **Please check box (✓) for automatic credit card yearly membership renewal option.** Provide your authorizing signature for automatic renewal: _____

Send Application and Payment to:

Italian American Club of Lansing, P.O. Box 27456, Lansing, MI 48909

If you have questions, please email iacoflansing@gmail.com

Maintain the Italian heritage, culture, and traditions by supporting the IAC of Lansing!



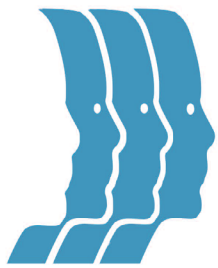
**Thank you sponsors for your
support!**

Grazie!

Become a sponsor today!

(Additional details attached to this newsletter)

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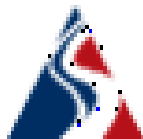
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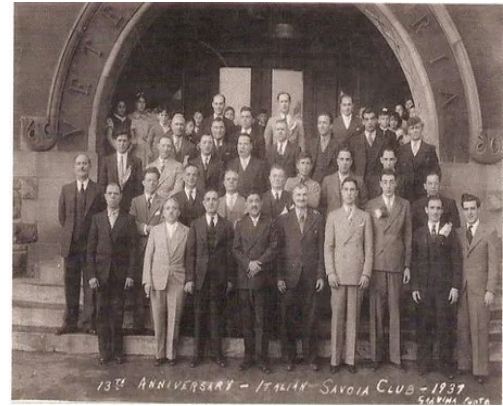
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The Italian American Club of Lansing

Inc. 1971



Founded in 1935, by a group of Italians who were very grateful to their adopted country for the opportunities given them and fiercely proud of their heritage.



Sponsorship Opportunities

Option 1- Platinum Package \$500 per year

- Full Page Advertisement in the Bi-Monthly Newsletter
- Verbal Thank You at Annual Events, on Facebook, and logo at events.
- Opportunity to offer 10% discount on food or services to IACL members, listing on the website.

Option 2- Gold Package \$250 per year

- Half Page Advertisement in the Bi-Monthly Newsletter
- Verbal Thank You at Annual Events, and on Facebook
- Opportunity to offer 10% discount on food or services to IACL members, listing on the website.

Option 3- Silver Package \$100 per year

- Quarter Page Advertisement in the Bi-Monthly Newsletter
- Verbal Thank You at Annual Events
- Opportunity to offer 10% discount on food or services to IACL members, listing on the website.

Option 4 - Individual sponsorship \$50 – recognition in November/December newsletter.

Interested in being a Sponsor? Please email: iacoflansing@gmail.com.

Thank you. Grazie.



Italian American Club of Lansing

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

Company Name: _____

Contact Name:: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Sponsorship Level: *(circle applicable level)*

\$500.00 - Platinum

\$250.00 - Gold

\$100.00 - Silver

\$50.00 - Individual

Sponsorship Category: *(check applicable category)*

_____ **General Sponsorship** *(One year – May 1st to April 30^t, newsletters, website)*

_____ **Event Sponsorship** *(Recognition at event)*

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Please Join Us!

88th SANT' IPPOLITO FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th, 2026

STS. JAMES, CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
1320 CATHOLIC CHURCH RD.
LESLIE, MI 49251

DETAILS

MASS BEGINS AT 12:00PM INSIDE THE CHURCH
PROCESSION HONORING SANT'IPPOLITO WILL
FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS OUTSIDE

FOLLOWING THE MASS & PROCESSION JOIN US
OUTDOORS FOR FOOD*, RAFFLE, CHILDREN'S
GAMES AND MORE!

ATTENDEES PROVIDE THEIR OWN FOOD

1 TABLE & 8 CHAIRS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$35
(PAYABLE BY CASH OR CHECK AT THE FESTIVAL)



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www.ippolitosociety.com



IACL Potluck Picnic & Bocce Tournament



ITALIAN SAUSAGE,
HOTDOGS, AND
BURGERS PROVIDED.



PLEASE BRING A DISH
TO SHARE!

August 23rd, 2026
1-4pm

Granger Meadows Park Pavillion