

**Saturday, January 20:**

5:00 p.m. Service in Absence of Priest

Sunday, January 21:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, January 22: Weekday, Vincent, deacon, martyr

Heb 9: 15, 24-28, Mk 3: 22-30

No Mass Today

Tuesday, January 23: Weekday

Heb 10: 1-10, Mk 3: 31-35

No Mass today

Wednesday, January 24: Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor

Heb 10: 11-18, Mk 4: 1-20

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, January 25: Conversion of St. Paul, apostle

Acts 22: 3-16, Mk 16: 15-18k

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 26: Timothy and Titus, bishops

2 Tm 1: 1-8, Mk 4: 26-34

8:30 a.m. Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19, Cor 12: 31-13:13

Saturday, January 27:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 28:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

FOOD FOR NEEDY

This weekend the baskets are at the entrances of the church to receive your donations of non-perishable food for the less fortunate. May God bless you for your concern of our brothers and sisters in Christ who turn to us for help.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Your Church contributions may be tax deductible. If you wish to have a copy of your contributions mailed to you, to be used in preparing your income tax returns for 2006, please call the office @ 673-2346. Please make your request known by January 26 so we can have your tax information by the end of January.

NATIONAL SANCTITY OF LIFE DAY

Join others in a memorial service remembering the more than 45 million infants that have been denied access to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, sponsored by Tuscola Right to Life. It will be held this Monday, January 22 at the First Baptist Church, 1535 Gilford Rd., Caro from 7:00-8:00 pm. Everyone's welcome.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER NEEDED

If you have an interest in books and videos, we would greatly appreciate your help in our parish library. Please call the Parish Center 673-2276 for more information.

REMINDER: RCIA meets this Wednesday, Jan 24 @ 7:00 pm. Everyone's welcome to enrich their faith!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 & SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Mary Knoll
 9:00 a.m. Mario D'Addezio
 11:00 a.m. Mark Ransford

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Virginia Touchette*
 Dave & Donna Klebba
 Denise Burkey, Theresa Burkey
 9:00 a.m. Ann Reinelt*
 Bob & Pat Chisholm
 Angie Campbell, Deb Albin
 11:00 a.m. Lil Guild*
 Jerry & Sue Lasceski
 Chris Creguer, Vic Guzman

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Marissa Connell, Volunteer
 9:00 a.m. Amanda Perez, Mike Greene
 11:00 a.m. Claire Starling, Ann Starling

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Margaret Cockerill, Onna Lee LaPratt, Jerry,
 Mary Fader, Lynn Morris, Mark Petiprin
 9:00 a.m. Joan Smith, Gloria Orban, Cal, Joanne
 Richardson, Mario D'Addezio
 11:00 a.m. Marge Biebel, Dale, Patty Churchill, Mary Ann
 Szpunar, Spade Family

USHERS FOR JANUARY:

5:00 p.m. Mark Petiprin*, Kyle Nordstrom
 Pat Hepfer, John Merz
 9:00 a.m. C.J. Bednarski*, James LaPratt
 John Papp Jr., Jason Kappen
 11:00 a.m. Jon Findlay*, Jack Generous
 Pete O'Brien, Chris Taylor

CSA UPDATE

As we begin the new year, we are sharing information regarding CSA. Our parish assessment for 2006-2007 was \$55,000. At this time, \$53,108 was made in pledges and \$46,321.00 has been paid thus far. Looking at these numbers, there could be a deficit of \$8,679.00 which would have to be paid by the parish. Therefore, if you haven't made a pledge or donation (for 2006-2007) or haven't paid on your pledge, please do so. There is still time to reduce our parish deficit.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Please note the pink envelopes in your Church envelope packets for a subscription to the Catholic Weekly. Cost for the subscription is \$7.00 for six months.

BAPTISMS

We are happy to welcome into our Catholic faith community Tre Lee Selling and Dale John Skinner who were baptized at Sacred Heart recently. May the Light of the Lord always be their guide.

THE DIVINE POWER WITHIN

Let us...persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. (Heb. 12:1-2)

This passage reminds me of the great Olympic runner Eric Liddell, whose life and Christian faith were so beautifully chronicled in the film "Chariots of Fire." In the film Liddell says, "Then where does the power come from, to see the race to its end? From within."

Many people find themselves up against tremendous odds, against races so long and difficult they seem impossible to complete. Some find themselves fighting for their very existence against illness or addiction or abuse. Some live each day fighting for their basic human rights. Not many of us are Olympic athletes, but we all have a difficult race to run. We are all called to run it well, and like Liddell, to search within for the power and there find the

JANUARY 21, 2007

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

face of Jesus cheering us on.
Faith)

(From Living

PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need:	\$5800.00
Last Weekend:	\$5997.67
Envelopes Used Last Weekend:	232

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last Sunday our parish celebrated a **CONFIRMATION INSCRIPTION SERVICE** for the children of our parish who are preparing to celebrate Confirmation on January 28. This Inscription Service is an important event in the preparation process because the candidates are asked if they are ready and willing to seriously examine their faith and continue to seek out the Way of the Lord for themselves. The process of journey of seeking the Way of the Lord in our lives is both individual and communal. The Lord calls each of us as an individual to be a disciple. Our response as an individual also entails a commitment to the faith community and Church. This means that we are invited to support, pray and serve each other. Over the past fifty years or more, Confirmation has been a "sacrament" trying to find its rightful place in the order of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. There has been a seesaw with Confirmation. In past years it was celebrated when children were about 10-12 years old. Since Vatican II, Confirmation was moved into the high school years; namely the junior and senior years. It was viewed as a sacrament of maturity and commitment to the Catholic Church. It was also used as a means by which our young people were kept in the CCD Program. There was also an attitude that Confirmation was a sacrament that was "earned". If one attended all the classes and did their service projects during the two-year preparation period, then they were confirmed. A question may be raised: "Do or can we 'earn' a sacrament or is a sacrament a gift from God? These questions and many others prompted Bishop Untener and the priests and people of the Diocese of Saginaw to seriously reflect upon and research the rightful place of Confirmation. There were many meetings, seminars, and regional gatherings regarding Confirmation held throughout the Diocese. The result was a serious theological and sacramental evaluation that led the Bishop to announce his decision to restore the traditional order of the Sacraments of Initiation. The traditional order of the Sacraments of Initiation are: Baptism, **Confirmation**, and Eucharist. One may wonder: "How did these three sacraments get out of order? Over the past thousand years the Catholic Church saw a gradual displacement of these sacraments. Due to the fact that Confirmation was done by the Bishop, and there were more and more people and parishes developing into a Diocese, the Bishop could no longer get to all the parishes each year to celebrate this sacrament. Therefore, infants were baptized and children received their first Eucharist. Then, when the Bishop was in a particular area, everybody was confirmed. In many people's experiences, over the years, there has been the belief (and the Church added to this belief) that the order of the sacraments is: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. This is not the case. So, a person should be making his/her Confirmation before making First Eucharist. With this in mind and in conjunction with the study done and the

Bishop's decision, the Diocese of Saginaw reordered the Sacraments of Initiation. How has this affected our parish? Over the past years, we have witnessed a gradual reordering of these three sacraments. Our ultimate goal is to celebrate Confirmation before First Eucharist, which means that our parish took Confirmation out of the high school level and placed it in the second grade! Yes, the second grade. It has been the tradition in the Catholic Church that First Eucharist be celebrated when a person is seven/eight years old, which places most of them in the second grade. Therefore, Confirmation will be celebrated at this time. In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

WINTER FUN NIGHT

We're breaking up the winter blahs and having a celebration of winter! We'll provide activities, prayer and refreshments. You provide the fun!

When: Thursday, January 25, **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Where: Sacred Heart Parish Center, **Who:** Our Parish Community (all ages) Please register by calling 673-2276. Hope to see ya there!!!

If anyone would like to make **snacks or food** of any kind for our Winter Fun Night, it would be greatly appreciated!

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

Jan. 20-22-March for Life Trip/Washington D.C.

Jan. 21-No Faith Formation for 7th, 8th grade Sunday class

Jan. 24-R.C.I.A. @ 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 25-Winter Fun Night 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 27-Jesus Experience Day for Confirmation candidates and sponsors

Jan. 27-Movie Night and pizza 6:15 in Rectory Basement

Jan. 28-Confirmation @ 9:00 Mass

Jan. 28-H. S. Youth meet 4:15 to leave for Cathedral.

Jan. 30-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 4-K of C Breakfast

Feb. 4-H.S. meet 7:00-9:00 Super Bowl Sundae!

JESUS EXPERIENCE DAY is this Saturday, 1/27 @ 10:00 am in the Parish Center. This is a time for the Confirmation candidates and their sponsors to come together to prepare for Confirmation. Confirmation will take place on Sunday Jan. 28 at the 9:00 am Mass. Please bring your baptismal candle with you to the Mass.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH-Please remember to R.S.V.P. for the Cathedral and pizza trip on January 28 so we have enough drivers.



MOVIE NIGHT! On January 27, come and watch the movie "**PAY IT FORWARD**" (rated PG) The movie will be shown in the rectory basement at 6:15. Pizza, pop, and popcorn will

be served. No fee or registration. All generations are welcome!

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES-If you would like your child(ren) to receive church envelopes, they are available at the Parish Center. This is a good way to help them form "giving habits".

REMINDER-The Youth Choir will meet this Sunday, January 28 @ 6:00 pm in Church.

CHOIR SCHEDULES

Handbell Choir: Mondays, 7:00-8:30 pm, Contact Jessie Dudek, @ 693-6785 or Mary Gettel @ 673-8281

Adult Choir: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30, Contact Leonard Ford @ 673-6763 or Mary Gettel @ 673-8281

Men's Choir: Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, contact Dale Perz @ 673-3623

Children's Choir: Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm, contact Mary Gettel @ 673-8281

Youth Choir: Sundays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, contact Kaye Zurek @ 673-0175.

All our choirs welcome new members. Join any time!