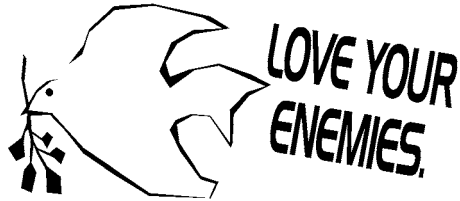


SACRED HEART CHURCH



PRAY FOR PEACE

CARO, MICHIGAN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

LECTORS:

- 5:00 p.m. Mary Knoll
- 9:00 a.m. Renee Wood
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Mass

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

- 5:00 p.m. Dave Klebba*
- 9:00 a.m. Volunteers*
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

- 5:00 p.m. Absence of Priest
- 9:00 a.m. Volunteers
- 11:00 a.m. Megan Terbush, Paige Terbush

GREETERS:

- 5:00 p.m. Lynn Morris, Mark Petiprin, Phil, Kathy Kozar Family, Judy Benn, Sharon Allen, Mandy Knox
- 9:00 a.m. Veronica, Deb, Paula Albin, Joan Smith, Maggie, Floyd Echols, Tracy LaPratt
- 11:00 a.m. Sam Pistolesi, Dale, Patty Churchill, Marge Biebel, Eva Rodriguez

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:

- 5:00 p.m. Dave Luebbert*, Adam Rodriguez, Dave Lagos, Doug Lagos
- 9:00 a.m. Floyd Echols*, Robert Kamrad, Robert DeLorenzo, Dale Romain
- 11:00 a.m. Paul Ellsworth*, Joe Fessler, Doug Prosser, Mark Ransford



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS/Distribution of Ashes

LECTOR:

- 12:00 p.m. Volunteer
- 7:00 p.m. Wally Kent

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST:

- 12:00 p.m. Volunteers
- 7:00 p.m. Volunteers

ALTAR SERVERS:

- 12:00 p.m. Volunteers
- 7:00 p.m. Nathan Bednarski, Michael Bednarski

Saturday, February 17:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 18:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, February 19: Weekday

Sir 1: 1-10, Mk 9: 14-29

No Mass Today

Tuesday, February 20: Weekday

Sir 2: 1-11, Mk 9: 30-37

No Mass today

Wednesday, February 21: Ash Wednesday

Jl 2: 12-18, 2 Cor 5: 20-6:2, Mk 6: 1-6,

16-18

12:00 pm. Mass

7:00 pm Mass

Thursday, February 22: Chair of St. Peter, apostle

1 Pt 5: 1-4, Mt 16: 13-19

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, February 23: Lenten Weekday

Is 58: 1-9a, Mt 9: 14-15

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Deut 26: 4-10, Rom 10: 8-13, Lk 4: 1-13

Saturday, February 24:

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

Sunday, February 25:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

MARRIAGE



Our congratulations and best wishes to Richard Westerby and Nicole Phillips who were married at Sacred Heart recently. May they continue to grow together in the love of Christ.

FOOD FOR NEEDY

This weekend the baskets are at the entrances of the church to accept your donations of non-perishable food for the less fortunate of our church and community. Thank you for being generous to the needs of the many in our area who need our help.

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Elizabeth (Dottie) Riley who was buried from Sacred Heart this past week. May her soul and the soul of all the faithful departed find eternal peace and rest with Jesus the Lord.

REMINDER: RCIA class meets this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) in Church @ 7:00 pm.

WELCOMING BRUNCH AT THE PARISH CENTER

Christian Service of Sacred Heart will host a "Welcoming Continental Breakfast" after the 9:00 Mass next Sunday, Feb. 25 for new members who have joined our Church this past year. You are greatly encouraged to stop by to meet and welcome our new members of Sacred Heart.



LENT

Lent is a penitential season during which all of us are called to intensive prayer, fasting, and works of charity on behalf of those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist; and those returning through Penance including ourselves. In doing so, we deepen our own commitment to follow the Lord.

*Ash Wednesday is a day of fast (ages 18-59 inclusive) and abstinence from meat (all who are 21 and older) for those who are physically able.

*All Fridays through the year are meant to be days of penitence, and during Lent the Church calls us to abstain from meat on Fridays, if at all possible.

*Lent will end at sunset on Holy Thursday. On Good Friday, we fast and abstain as on Ash Wednesday as part of our Easter celebrations.

OUR PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need:	\$5800.00
Last Weekend:	\$6631.35
Envelopes Used Last Weekend:	236

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday we celebrate the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday.

Lent is a very special time—a time of preparation for Easter. On Ash Wednesday many Christians mark their foreheads with ashes.

We do this for two reasons. First, it reminds us that, like Jesus, who died on Good Friday, we too are destined to die. Second, it reminds us that if we want to rise to new life after death, as Jesus did, we must repent.

That is, we must turn from our sins and follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Come back to the Lord your God. He is kind and full of mercy; he is patient and keeps his promise; he is always ready to forgive and not punish.

(Joel 2:13)

THE BREAD OF LIFE

The people started grumbling about Jesus, because he said, "I am the bread that comes down from heaven."

(John 6:41)

During the Great Depression of the 1930's, a monastery gave out plain sandwiches in paper bags every afternoon at 5:00. The line of people was always long. After getting their sandwich some people ate it at once. Others ate only a portion of it and saved the rest for later. Still others took the sandwich home to someone in their family. Finally, a few grumbled at the plainness of the sandwich and tossed it away. The people's reaction to the sandwich could be used as an example of the way people reacted to Jesus, "The bread that came down from heaven."

- *How do I react to Jesus in the Eucharist?
- *How do I prepare to receive the Eucharist?
- *How do I follow up my reception of it?

The effect of our receiving the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

(Pope Saint Leo the Great)

START THE DAY WITH PRAISE

With his every deed he offered thanks to God Most High, in words of praise. (Sirach 47:8)

Acknowledging God as the source of our gifts keeps us humble. While we take pride in the soccer goal, the bonus paycheck, the newly-composed song, we know they were achieved as a result of gifts that were God-given. Even something as simple as growing a delicious tomato reminds us of the Creator of tomatoes. Thanking God, praising God, keeps our world—and our place in it—in right perspective.

Every time we say "thank you," a grateful heart reminds us that we are not alone. As we walk, swim, slog, trek or dance through life, our Divine Companion is there, delighting in our thanks and praise.

As we approach Lent and think about what we will do this year to help make the Lenten journey a meaningful one, let's consider developing "an attitude of gratitude." Start the day with praise for all that is to come, and end it with a whispered "thanks" for all it held. Praise God for blue skies and rainfall, good times and bad, plenty and need.

(From Living Faith)

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



- Feb. 18-No Sunday Faith Formation classes
- Feb. 19-No Monday Faith Formation classes
- Feb. 18/19-Youth Ski Trip
- Feb. 20-Mardi Gras Night 6:30 pm
- Feb. 21-Sacramental Session 6:00 pm
- Feb. 25-High School Youth meet 7:00-9:00 "Pretzel Mania"
- Feb. 27-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet @ 7:00 pm
- Feb. 28 "Luke: The Good News of God's Mercy" 6:30-8:00
- Feb. 28-R.C.I.A. @ 7:00 pm
- Mar. 4-High School Youth meet 7:00-9:00 "Mexican Munchies!"
- Mar. 7-Reconciliation meeting for youth and parents @ 6:30 pm
- Mar. 7-"Luke: The Good News of God's Mercy" 6:30-8:00
- Mar. 7-R.C.I.A. @ 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 10/11-Middle School Lock-In
- Mar. 11-High School trip to Cathedral, leave @ 4:30 pm
- Mar. 13-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet @ 7:00 pm
- Mar. 14-"Luke: The Good News of God's Mercy: 6:30-8:00
- Mar. 14-R.C.I.A. @ 7:00 pm
- Mar. 17-Reconciliation Inscription Service @ 5:00 Mass
- Mar. 19-First Reconciliation @ 3:30 and 6:15



BIBLE SCRIPTURE STUDY- A scripture study of Luke has begun! Treat your soul and join the group on Wednesday's from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish Center.

MARDI GRAS FUN NIGHT

It's time for our 7th annual Mardi Gras Celebration!
When: This Tuesday, February 20th @ 6:30 pm
Where: Parish Center-call to register or help @ 673-2276
What: Prayer, Activities, Food (our famous jambalaya) and lots of Fun! You're welcome to wear the Mardi Gras colors of purple, green & gold.
 All parish members are welcome-
 Volunteers are needed for the Mardi Gras to help with set-up, decorating, cooking (jambalaya), help with face painting, or donating cookies.



MIDDLE SCHOOL LENTEN LOCKIN

Come and join us for a fun filled night! We will have prayer, activities, food & lots of fun!!
When: Saturday, March 10 to Sunday, March 11
Time: 5:00 Mass until 7:00 am
Who: All Middle School Youth
Where: Rectory basement
What to bring: Comfy clothes, sleeping bag & pillow
 Call 673-2276 to sign up. Hope to see you there!!!