

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**Be merciful, O Lord
for we have sinned.**

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

Monday, February 26: Lenten Weekday

Lev 19: 1-2, 11-18, Mt 25: 31-46

No Mass Today

Tuesday, February 27: Lenten Weekday

Is 55: 10-11, Mt 6: 7-15

No Mass today

Wednesday, February 28: Lenten Wednesday

Jon 3: 1:10, Lk 11: 29-32

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 1: Lenten Weekday

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25, Mt 7: 7-12

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 2: Lenten Weekday

Ez 18: 21-26, Mt 5: 20-26

8:30 a.m. Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18, Phil 3: 17-4: 1, Lk 9, 28b-36

Saturday, March 3:

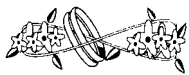
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 4:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

MARRIAGE



Our congratulations and best wishes to Christine Reinelt and Daniel Healey who were married at Sacred Heart recently.

May they continue to grow together in the love of Christ.

THANK YOU

Christian Service of Sacred Heart wishes to acknowledge the people who worked at the funeral meal for Elizabeth Riley recently: Merc Boylan, Doris Sheridan, Mary Ann Papp, Dolly Aymer, and Cass Lubaczewski. We appreciate the time they have given in support of our funeral meals. This service is greatly appreciated by the family members.

FLOWERS IN APPRECIATION

The beautiful flowers on the altar this weekend were given by the family of Mary Viola in honor of Mary's 86th birthday. Our thanks to her family: Annette Smith, Pat Gregor family, and Tom Viola family. We appreciate them sharing these special times with our parish family.

RECONCILIATION

Time to plan for Easter by refreshing your soul with the sacrament of Reconciliation. Communal Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 27 @ 12:00 noon and also on Thursday, March 29 @ 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart.

RCIA

Reminder-RCIA meets this Wednesday, February 28 @ 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

K/C BREAKFAST

Everyone's welcome to enjoy a great breakfast hosted by the K/C's next Sunday, March 4 after the 9:00 Mass at the Parish Center. Don't miss it!

PRAY FOR PEACE

CARO, MICHIGAN

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 & SUNDAY, MARCH 4

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Gerard Kolanowski

9:00 a.m. Eva Rodriguez

11:00 a.m. Children's Mass

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Paul Langlois*
Karen Cody, Virginia Touchette
Denise Burkey, Theresa Burkey

9:00 a.m. Joan Smith*
Ronnie Albin, Alma Moreno
Norm & Jan Daniels

11:00 a.m. Children's Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Alex Rollend, Jeremy Koepf

9:00 a.m. Liz Schlaud, Guy Sommerville

11:00 a.m. Children's Mass

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Dennis, Theresa, Marissa Connell, Art Rollend
Family, Jerry, Lil Guild, Michele, Brittney,
Nicole Quick

9:00 a.m. Thomas, Bonnie Braun, Karen Adams,
Daniella Babcock, Bob, Norma Berry

11:00 a.m. Christine Harbec, Pat Gettel, Bernard Lenda,
Spade Family

USHERS FOR MARCH:

5:00 p.m. John Merz*, Pat Hepfer

Dave Kolacz, Kyle Nordstrom

9:00 a.m. John Papp, Sr., Charles Pistro

Dave Klebba, Thomas Braun

11:00 a.m. Bill Blaylock*, Elgin Clinesmith

Vic Guzman, Pete O'Brien

SOUP AND LENTEN SERVICES

All parishioners are invited to a simple Lenten meal of soup and bread this **Thursday, March 1** before the Stations of the Cross. We will also have suppers on March 8, 15, 22, before the Stations of the Cross, also on March 29 before Reconciliation, and on April 5 before Holy Thursday Service. The suppers begin at 6:00 pm at the Parish Center followed by the Lenten Service @ 7:00 pm in church. Please note there is no charge for these suppers. It is the parish's gift back to the generous people of our church.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Paula Fierros who was buried from Sacred Heart this past week. Our prayers and sympathy also to the family of Donald Putnam who was buried from Sacred Heart this past week. May they find eternal peace and joy with Jesus the Lord.

LENTEN RETREAT DAY

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will offer a **Lenten Retreat Day** for all women of the diocese at the Center for ministry at the Diocese of Saginaw on Thursday, March 22. The day's activities start at 10:00 a.m. and will end at approximately 3:00 p.m. The cost for the day is \$20, and includes lunch. This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, Mass & Stations of the Cross. Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989-635-7072) or Denyse Smith (989) 644-5152) by March 18.

CONCERT WITH DAVID HAAS

St. James Church in Bay City (710 Columbus Ave) will host a concert with David Haas on Sunday, March 11th @ 2:00 pm. The Lenten Mission with David Haas also includes two evenings of prayer, reflection and music at St. James on Thurs. March 8 @ 7:00 pm & Friday, March 9th @ 7:00 pm.

OUR PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need:	\$5800.00
Last Weekend:	\$5300.02
Envelopes Used Last Weekend: 209	



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HAPPY LENT-Ash Wednesday marked a significant and inspirational event in the spiritual journey of our church, diocese and parish. It was the beginning of the SEASON OF LENT with the Distribution of Ashes. As the blessed ashes were placed upon our foreheads in the "sign of the cross", we were invited to repent of our sins, reform our lives and be faithful to the teachings/gospel of Jesus Christ. Ashes have been a sacred object for longer than history records. To burn something to ashes means giving up its use. "Burnt offering" is frequently used in the Bible as a gift being given to God. The Jewish ritual, in which ashes mixed with water are used to purify the unclean (Num 19:9), is one source for our Catholic ritual of using ashes. Covering oneself with ashes has been a sign of mortality, mourning and penance. Scripture refers to individuals and people "wearing sackcloth and ashes" and "sitting in ashes". Wearing ashes is both a natural and spiritual outward expression of a sense of sin, loss, sorrow, emptiness and penitence. Ashes, and their use, constitute one of the many "sacramentals" of the Church. A sacramental is "any object set apart and blessed by the Church to excite good thoughts and increase devotion. We wear our ashes with the thought that for forty days we will be on a spiritual pilgrimage with God and Jesus. As Jesus spent forty days in the desert wrestling with the devil, temptations and preparing for His ministry, we are invited to go into a "spiritual" desert to face our life, our temptations, and our perseverance with faith in Jesus Christ. Our spiritual journey to the desert is a time to seriously examine our lives, attitudes and motives and check where we are going. It is also a time to reflect up on our **covenant** with God through Jesus Christ. On the day we were baptized, we were received into this covenant. Promises were made on our behalf and we have renewed this covenant and our promises each year.

LITTLE BLACK BOOK-During Lent we are asked to spend six minutes a day in PRAYER. Prayer is an important aspect of Lent. In order to assist us in our prayer, we once again have LITTLE BLACK BOOKS. Please make sure you pick up a copy of this GREAT book. The **RITE OF SENDING** is a parish celebration that sends catechumens to the rite of election. At the rite of election, usually on or about the First Sunday of Lent, the church names the catechumens to be baptized at Easter. Generally, the rite of election takes place at the cathedral with the bishop. Because of the cathedral's limited space and sometimes-remote location, parish communities celebrate the rite of sending. Sending may take place at a Sunday Mass. After the homily, a catechist may present the catechumens to the priest, who calls them forward with their godparents and asks if the catechumens are ready.

Have they taken their formation seriously? Have they given evidence of their conversion? Do the godparents judge them ready for the rite of election? The church must verify the readiness of the catechumens. We do not baptize based only on their desire. There should be a deliberation prior to the [rite of election] to decide on the catechumen's suitability. This is carried out by those who help form the catechumens, by godparents, and members of the community (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The questions have real significance. In some places the catechumens sign the book of the elect at the parish during the rite of sending. In others, they sign it at the cathedral during the rite of election. The ritual concludes with prayers for the catechumens. (Ministry & Liturgy).

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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. 4-K/C Breakfast
 Mar. 7-Reconciliation meeting for youth & parents @ 6:30
 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
 Mar. 21-After School Social 3:30-5:00
 Mar. 21-Sacramental Session @ 6:30
 Mar. 21-"Luke: The good News of God's Mercy" 6:30-8:00



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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH meet tonight from 7:00-9:00 pm
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!!!

CHOIR SCHEDULES-Handbell Choir: Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm.
 Contact Jessica 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: Tues. 7:00 pm. Contact Dale Perz @ 673-3623

Children's Choir: Thurs. 3:30-4:30 pm. Contact Mary 673-8281

Youth Choir: Sundays, 6:00-7:00 pm. Contact Kaye Zurek @ 673-0175. All choirs welcome new members! Join any time.