



*LORD, let your mercy  
be on us, as we place  
our trust in YOU.*

**Saturday, March 3:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, March 4:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**Monday, March 5: Lenten Weekday**

Dn 9: 4b-10, Lk 6:36-38

No Mass Today

**Tuesday, March 6: Lenten Weekday**

Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23:1-12

No Mass today

**Wednesday, March 7: Lenten Wednesday**

Jer 18: 18-20, Mt 20: 17-28

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, March 8: Lenten Weekday**

Jer 17: 5-10, Lk 16: 19-31

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Friday, March 9: Lenten Weekday**

Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

8:30 a.m. Mass

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Ex 17: 3-7, Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42

**Saturday, March 10:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, March 11:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**MEETINGS**

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE** will meet this Tuesday, March 6 @ 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. All parishioners are welcome to offer their services/ideas for the good of our parish.

**RCIA** will meet this Wednesday, March 7 @ 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

**PARISH COUNCIL** will meet this Thursday, March 8 @ 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

**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.

**K/C BREAKFAST**

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

**SWISS STEAK BUFFET DINNER**

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church in Vassar (Division Street) invites everyone to a Swiss Steak Buffet Dinner this Sunday, March 4 11:30-4:00 pm. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 years, \$5.00, 5 years & under free.

**SPRING SOUP TAKE-OUT**

The fund-raising committee of St. Elizabeth Church in Reese invites you to their Spring Soup take-out this Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from noon-6:00 pm. (or until sold out!) Homemade chicken noodle & bean soups, \$5.00 quart. Proceeds go to St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School.

**FUNERAL MEALS PANTRY**

Our funeral meals pantry is in need of the following items: decaf coffee, green olives, fruit punch, lemonade flavored powder mix (for punch), dish towels & hot pads. Items may be left in the Ushers room or Parish Center (marked funeral meals). Any donations given are a way of supporting this ministry.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10 & SUNDAY, MARCH 11****LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Ginny DeRoche

9:00 a.m. Mario D'Addezio

11:00 a.m. Wally Kent

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

5:00 p.m. Mary Knoll\*

Chris Taylor, Art Rollend

J.R. &amp; Mary Ann Vandemark

9:00 a.m. Andy Schlaud\*

Pete &amp; Norma Sayers

Becky Learman, Bruce Mellendorf

11:00 a.m.

Bridget Smith\*

Mary Ann Szpunar, Chris Creguer

Lil Guild, Vic Guzman

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Taylor Everts, Elleni Everts

9:00 a.m. Becky Learman, Allison Learman

11:00 a.m. James Roesner, Blake Laethem

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. Mark, Kathy Fader, Dorothy Faust, Tracie Giddings, Connie, Becky Albrecht

9:00 a.m. Joan Smith, Vance, Lynn Smith, Richard, Barb Tetil, Gloria Orban

11:00 a.m. Lee, Carol Starling &amp; Family, Cindy Jackson, Keith, Lynette Baur, Karlee, Vicki Neuville

**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 8** before the Stations of the Cross, (hosted by Parish Administration members). We will also have suppers on March 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.

**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 on Thursday, March 22 @ 10 am. 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 next Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00

**FUNERAL LUNCHEON**

A special thank you to our Church family who donated their time for the funeral luncheon of Paula Fierros: Shirley Lubaczewski, Lorraine Wachowicz, Annette Smith, Pat Gregor, Janet Markham, Lil Kolanowski, Dale Romain, &

MARCH 4, 2007

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Bob Chisholm, and all who donated desserts. This  
Christian Service is a blessing we all can appreciate.

**OUR PARISH SUPPORT**

Our Weekly Need:	\$5800.00
Last Weekend:	\$5661.07
Envelopes Used Last Weekend:	195

**THE CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Each day of Lent moves us from the bleakness, emptiness, and misery of ashes and toward the cleansing waters of baptism and the glory of the resurrection. Jesus says that if we bring our gift to the altar and there remember our brother has something against us, we are to go and first be reconciled with our brother before returning to the Lord with our gift. Most of our human misery comes from ruptured relations with others. If the demand of Jesus' words seems great-perhaps too great-remember those words contain the promise of God's forgiveness given to each of us. He only demands forgiveness of our hearts because he first forgives our sins, our transgressions, our miseries. We can forgive because we are forgiven. Lent is the celebration of the forgiveness that comes from God alone and that makes possible our forgiveness of one another. In a word, the cross means forgiveness. This is the Lenten grace that today moves us from ashes toward Easter joy. (Fr. Gabriel O'Donnell, O.P.)

**TEN GOOD REASONS TO RAISE YOUR KIDS CATHOLIC**

1. So they'll have some rules to reject when they're teenagers.
2. So they'll have some rules to reconsider when they have kids of their own.
3. So they'll have values to cherish for the rest of their lives.
4. So they'll have something to hang on to when times are bad.
5. So they'll have at least a raggedy "Good News Bible" somewhere in their house or apartment that they can read for wisdom when they're older and interested.
6. So they'll come to know that every person wears the face of Christ in a different way, even those who seem to be enemies.
7. So they'll have an experience of faith in community.
8. So they'll know that Christmas is about the gift of love in their hearts.
9. So they'll know about Jesus' death and resurrection and understand that life is more than suffering.
10. So they'll know that heaven begins on the spot where they're standing and that they are here for God and that God is with them always.

(From "I Like Being Catholic")

**GOING TO CHURCH**

Quite often, nothing much happens to me when I go to church. But when I get into it and listen, when I participate and am aware of the people around me and what we're there for, the Mass is pretty powerful. I reconnect with my values. The parish becomes not a random group of people but a family. (From "I Like Being Catholic")

**†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†**

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  
 Mar. 25-First Eucharist Inscription Service @ 11:00 Mass  
 Mar. 27-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet @ 7:00

**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**

**Hey, Kids!**

**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!!!

**SKI TRIP THANK YOU**

We were fortunate to have four drivers who took a large group of our youth to Gaylord for skiing recently. They are: Charmain Bauerschmidt, Mike Daniel, Joe Greene & Linda Strasz. Thank you for all you did to make this a successful and fun weekend. Without you we would not have been able to enjoy this time with our youth. Thank you!

**MARDI GRAS WAS FUN!**

All the adults and kids who were at the Parish Center on "Fat Tuesday" had a great time celebrating with games, fun and delicious food. Many thanks go to the following who made this a special time with baking, decorating, serving, cleaning up and face-painting: Joni Hall, Ginny DeRoche, Carrie Findlay, Lisa Bednarski, Linette Baur, Janet Markham, Dolly Aymer, Lynne Morris, Lilia Kolanowski, Eva Rodriguez, Daniella Babcock. Also thanks to the Men's Choir for sharing their talents with us. God bless each of you! Hope to see you all at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras next year!