

SACRED HEART CHURCH



PRAY FOR PEACE

CARO, MICHIGAN

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 & SUNDAY, MARCH 25

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Mary Knoll
 9:00 a.m. Diane Reed
 11:00 a.m. Youth Mass

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Ginny DeRoche*
 Irv DeRoche, Chris Taylor
 Shirley Sizemore, Ben Sizemore

9:00 a.m. Art Graff*
 Carolyn Graff, Rose Putnam
 Al & Dale Rae
 11:00 a.m. Youth Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Marissa Connell, Thomas Vacanti
 9:00 a.m. Daniella Babcock, Amanda Perez
 11:00 a.m. Youth Mass

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Brad Hartel Family, Mandy Knox, Pat Strozeski, Lynn Morris, Mark Petiprin
 9:00 a.m. Rick, Ann Reinelt, Tammy, Jeff Foor Family, Mario D'Addezio, Joan Smith
 11:00 a.m. Al, Kim Wasik, Sharon Vandenbossche, Kolar Family, Dick, Sue Ransford

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 22** before the Stations of the Cross, (hosted by Christian Service members). We will also have suppers 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please make plans to participate in our upcoming Parish Directory. Sign-up sheets with the dates available to have your picture taken are in the vestibule of Church. (Note: Our last Church directory was published in 1999). Please call Pat Chisholm @ 673-3207 if you have any questions regarding our pictorial.

FLOWERS IN REMEMBRANCE

The flowers on the ambo this weekend are given in memory of "Our wild Irish Rose" John Foley, from his family. We appreciate them sharing this special time with our parish family.

SWIECONKA

Thumb Area American Polish White Eagle Lodge #3046 will have their annual family Easter dinner called "Swieconka" on Sunday, April 1 at the American Legion Hall in Caro. This traditional Polish family style dinner will be served @ 2:00 pm. The dinner is a benefit fundraiser for youth scholarship. Adults \$11.00, children 7-14, \$6.00, children under 7 free. Everyone's welcome. Reservations: Call Ed Jagosz, 673-8226.

Saturday, March 17:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 18:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, March 19: Joseph, husband of Mary

2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a

No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 20: Lenten Weekday

Ez 47: 1-9, 12, Jn 5: 1-16

No Mass today

Wednesday, March 21: Lenten Wednesday

Is 49: 8-15, Jn 5: 17-30

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 22: Lenten Weekday

Ex 32: 7-14, Jn 5: 31-47

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 23: Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Jn 7: 1-2,10, 25-30

8:30 a.m. Mass

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Is 43: 16-21, Phil 3: 8-14, Jn 8: 1-11, Rom 8: 8-11

Saturday, March 24:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 25:

9:00 a.m. Mass (K/C Corporate Communion)

11:00 a.m. Mass

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Our thank you to those who have brought non-perishable food items this weekend for the less fortunate of our church/community. May God bless you for your concern.

K/C SENIOR LUNCHEON

The K/C Senior Luncheon will be held this Monday, March 19 @ noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall. All K/C members, wives and widows over the age of 55 are welcome to attend.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON

Sacred Heart Christian Service sincerely appreciates the help of our volunteers for the funeral luncheon of Richard Holmes: Joyce Anderson, Gwen Perz, Mary Jane Garrison, Alma Moreno, Ben Sizemore & Bob Chisholm. The ministry is a blessing we are able to give to the families at their time of loss, and made possible by our members.

Also, thank you to those who have made a generous contribution of supplies for our funeral luncheon pantry. Please pick up your dishes in the kitchen. (Our cupboards are full).

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Preparing for Easter-We will all have the opportunity to receive the healing graces of the sacrament of Penance through our Communal Reconciliation Services to be held here on **Tuesday, March 27 @ 12:00 noon** and **Thursday, March 29 @ 7:00 pm**. Please mark your calendar.

OUR PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need:	\$5800.00
Last Weekend:	\$6051.03
Envelopes Used Last Weekend:	231

From the Pastor's Desk

We begin the FOURTH week of our journey through the "spiritual" desert of Lent. We are spending forty days and forty nights examining our lives to see where we are and where we hope to be when Easter arrives.

CONFESSING OUR SINS

Here is some food for thought and some catechesis from a recent article regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation written by Rev. Lawrence Mick. (Remember, if you would like to celebrate the individual form of this sacrament, please contact me and I will oblige.)

The author writes, "A critical part of the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation is the penitent's confession of sins. Many people say that they do not celebrate this sacrament anymore because they do not know what to confess. Others who do use the sacrament are still stuck in the "grocery list" approach, listing every sinful act with the number of times committed. It is required to confess mortal sins by kind and number. It is not enough to confess murder; one must tell how many people one has killed! Such exactness is not required for lesser (venial) sins. What is needed is a clear picture of the penitent's spiritual life, the context in which sinful actions occur.

The introduction to the Rite of Penance notes that if the penitent is unknown to the priest, "it is proper for the person to indicate his/her state in life, the time of last confession, the difficulties in leading a Christian life, and anything else which may help the confessor in exercising his ministry."

This suggests a bit more self-revelation than just noting one's last confession and naming a list of sins. What is needed is a description of what is really happening in one's life so that the priest can understand what growth needs to occur in the penitent's life."

As we understand and appreciate the deeper meaning of the sacrament of reconciliation there is the need to go beyond the mentioning of sins and number of times, but a deeper examination of one's conscience, looking for the source of sinful actions and attitudes rather than looking only at the actions in themselves.

Our actions and attitudes come from someplace, thus we need to ascertain what is really at the root of a person's sinfulness. There are many causes for sinful behavior and examining one's behavior (with a priest) may help a person to better understand his/her experience. This could help the person to avoid the situation/temptation/the occasion that leads to sinful behavior.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Dennis

RCIA-During these weeks of **Scrutinies**, (the catechumenal rituals that mark the final preparation of candidates to receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) please pray for Will Wood, Emily Lamb, and Patty Allen and their sponsors.

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

- 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
- Apr. 1-9-No Faith Formation classes
- Apr. 15-Last class for Sunday Faith Formation disciples
- Apr. 18-After School Social 3:30-5:00



"Moment by Moment" begins March 28. See Café brochure for details.

A five-week book club will begin on Tuesday April 10th. The book "A Cup of Life" will be discussed. We will meet from 12:00 noon-1:00 pm. Bring your lunch and also your favorite cup. Please pre-register by calling 673-2276. The book will be available from the parish center for \$10.00

Thank you Devin & Patti Adams and Joe & Beth Greene for driving the High School youth to the Cathedral for Mass. We appreciate each of you!

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED

A big thank you goes to the following adults that helped with the Middle School Lenten Lock-In: Kathy Bodeis, Michele Quick, Alma Moreno, Tom Babcock, & Fr. Dennis. Also thank you to Karisa Cody and Tricia Petiprin for their service. We had 19 youth enjoying fun, activities, food & friends. Hope to see all of you next year.

Karen Cody, Middle School Youth Minister

AREA LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATIONMarch 18 (Sunday)

- 2:00 pm, St. John, Ugly
- 3:00 pm, St. Francis Borgia, Pigeon
- 4:00 pm, St. Pancratius, Cass City

March 22 (Thursday)

- 7:00 pm Holy Family, Unionville-Sebewaing

March 24 (Saturday)

- 10:00 am, St. Michael, Wilmot

March 25, (Sunday)

- 2:00 pm St. Joseph, Argyle

March 26, (Monday)

- 7:00 pm, St. Agatha, Gagetown

March 27, (Tuesday)

- 12:00 noon, **Sacred Heart, Caro**

March 28, (Wednesday)

- 7:00 pm, St. Norbert, Munger

March 29, (Thursday)

- 7:00 pm, **Sacred Heart, Caro**
- 7:00 pm, St. Elizabeth, Reese
- 7:00 pm, St. Joseph, Mayville

April 2, (Monday)

- 7:00 pm, St. Pancratius, Cass City

April 4, (Wednesday)

- 7:00 pm, Sacred Heart, Bad Axe

Please take advantage of one of these Penance services that gives us the grace of forgiveness.