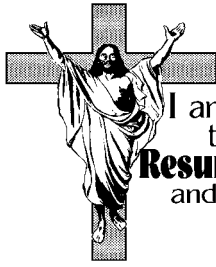


SACRED HEART CHURCH**PRAY FOR PEACE****CARO, MICHIGAN**

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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

Monday, March 26: Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7: 10-14, 8-10, Heb 10: 4-10, Lk 1: 26-38

No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 27: Lenten Weekday

Nm 21: 4-9, Jn 8: 21-30

No Mass today

Wednesday, March 28: Lenten Wednesday

Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95, Jn 8: 31-42

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 29: Lenten Weekday

Gn 17: 3-9, Jn 8: 51-59

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 30: Lenten Weekday

Jer 20: 10-13, Jn 10: 31-42

8:30 a.m. Mass

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Is 50: 4-7, Phil 2: 6-11, Lk 22: 14-23: 56

Saturday, March 31:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 1:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathy to the families of Richard Holmes whom the Lord has called home, and also to Anthony Waszak who was buried from Sacred Heart recently. May the angels lead them into Paradise where they will find eternal peace and joy.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE THANK YOU

Our thank you to Ruth Flynn, Jane Romain, Clara Ackerman, Joni Hall, Norbert Jankowski and Bob Chisholm who volunteered their services for the funeral meal of Tony Waszak. God bless you for your service.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

Sacred Heart Christian Service Committee is sponsoring the Mother's Day Hanging Basket Flower sale. The flower sale will be a fundraiser for the High School Senior Scholarships. Christian Service Committee members will be **taking orders** for the hanging flower baskets after Masses on **April 14-15, April 21-22, and April 28-29**. The flowers will be ready for pick up at the Parish Center after Masses on **May 5-6**. More info: Mary Gettel @ 673-8281.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 & SUNDAY, APRIL 1**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Ginny DeRoche, Gerard Kolanowski

9:00 a.m. Joanne Richardson, Norm Daniels

11:00 a.m. Renee Wood, Mark Ransford

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Paul Langlois*

Karen Cody, Lilia Kolanowski

J.R. & Mary Ann Vandemark,

9:00 a.m. Bruce Mellendorf*

Joan Smith, Ann Reinelt

Pete & Norma Sayers

11:00 a.m. Sue Lasceski*

Jerry Lasceski, Vic Guzman

Mary Ann Szpunar, Bridget Smith

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Bryan Cody, Andrew Rollend

9:00 a.m. Michael Bednarski, Nathan Bednarski

11:00 a.m. Nicole Quick, Brittney Quick

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 APRIL:

5:00 p.m. Adam Rodriguez*, Mark Petiprin

Dave Lagos, Doug Lagos

9:00 a.m. Pat Stapleton*, Jim Will

Matt Perez, Aaron Perez

11:00 a.m. Jack Generous*, Chris Taylor

Joe Fessler, Jon Findlay

SOUP AND LENTEN SERVICES

All parishioners are invited to a simple Lenten meal of soup and bread this **Thursday, March 29th** (hosted by the Planning Committee Members). We will also have a supper 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.

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. Adults \$11.00, children 7-14, \$6.00, children under 7 free. Reservations: Ed Jagosz, 673-8226.

THANK YOU

Emily Czelada would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, visits, meals, and telephone calls that she received while recuperating for the past year. May God bless each and every one of you.

OUR PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need:	\$5800.00
Last Weekend:	\$5817.62
Envelopes Used Last Weekend:	205

From the Pastor's Desk

HAPPY LENT-Lent is conversion. And conversion is turning away from illusory, dried-up wells that do not give life; it is turning to God, our true fountain of love and abundant life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, endorses this approach, explaining, "Conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a 'contrite heart'...to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first."

Prayer is part of our Lenten journey and comes in many forms; some people like to pray formal, memorized prayers. Others pray spontaneously, their prayers coming from their thoughts, emotions and needs. Whatever way we choose to pray—it is good. God hears all prayers: whether they are voiced aloud or spoken in the silence of our thoughts and prayers. Mortification is another word we hear during Lent. It has negative connotation. Nevertheless, it is possible to use this word and others like it (self-denial, fasting, sacrifice) in positive ways. The purpose of fasting is to remind us that there is a source of life more profound than food and drink. There is good which can come from giving up something during Lent. It can help us to recognize what we have and maybe take for granted. The aim of finding joy in Lent is not to seek ways of escaping pain, penance, or the challenges and crosses that life give us. In fact, we must listen more carefully than ever during these Lenten days to Jesus' invitation to embrace and carry those crosses: "Whoever wishes to come after Me must...take up a cross and follow Me..." "Our human choice," it has been said, "is not between pain and no pain, but between the pain of loving and the pain of not loving." Jesus chose the "pain of loving" and in so doing showed us how to do that too.

There is nothing worse than the "pain of not loving," that is, suffering in a black void. Pain borne out of love for God and neighbors, on the other hand, brings the true disciple to richer life and meaning. Many of the thoughts and reflection in this letter have come from the writing of Rev. Jack Wants, O.F. M. entitled, **YOU CAN FIND JOY IN LENT**. I hope that your Lent is going well. God bless you as you continue to pray, fast and give alms In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

The following services are needed in our parish. If you can help with any of these services please call Janet @ 673-4927.

TRANSPORTATION: Help is needed to drive parishioners to medical appointments.

MOMENT-BY-MOMENT: This is a journey of spiritual growth based on St. Ignatius of Loyola spiritual exercises. Classes run for five weeks and begin March 28 @ 7:00-8:30 pm. Cost is \$11.95 for the book. A morning class will be held if there are enough participants.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP: We are in need of divorced (or divorced and remarried) persons to facilitate a divorce support group. Training by the Diocesan Ministry Center is scheduled for Friday, April 6. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Bill Markham as soon as possible @ 673-4927.

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

- 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. 16-Monday Faith Formation classes resume
- Apr. 18-After School Social 3:30-5:00
- Apr. 21-Jesus Experience Day for First Eucharist disciples @ 10:00 a.m.
- Apr. 22-First Eucharist @ 11:00 Mass
- Apr. 23-Last Faith Formation class
- Apr. 28-Faith Fair 4:00-7:00 pm
- Apr. 29-Faith Fair 8:00 am-1:00 pm

PEACE to the following disciples who recently experienced the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time: Travis Bauerschmidt, Dedrick Baur, Melissa Cockerill, Clay Daily, Rebecca Epskamp, Courtney Furst, Rebecca Graff, Kendra Hill, Caleb Knox, Jerzy Kolanowski, Kevin Koon, Linda Krohn, Ashley Merz, Bailey Merz, Andrea Messing, Austin Moore, Alexander Phillips, Kyle Sharp, Matthew Snyder, Chloe Weissenborn, & Leah Zawerucha.

"I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts." (Ezekiel 36:26)



"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.

ST. ELIZABETH PASTIE SALE

St. Elizabeth Church, Reese, is planning a **"U.P. Pastie Sale"** on Tuesday, March 27th & Wednesday, March 28th. Phone orders only/the first 350 placed. Cost: \$4.50 each. To order: 989-868-4081 or 989-868-3207 or 989-868-4566.

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AREA LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

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 offers us the grace of forgiveness.