

**Saturday, February 2:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, February 3:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**Monday, February 4: Weekday**

2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30, 16, 5-13, Mk 5: 1-20

No Mass today

**Tuesday, February 5: Agatha, virgin, martyr**

2 Sm 18: 9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3, Mk 5

No Mass today

**Wednesday, February 6: Ash Wednesday**

Jl 2: 12-18, 2 Cor 5: 20-6: 2, Mt 6: 1-6, 16

12:00 noon Mass

7:00 p.m. Mass

**Thursday, February 7: Lenten Weekday**

Dt 30: 15-20, Lk 9: 22-25

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Friday, February 8: Lenten Weekday**

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

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Gn 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7, Rom 5: 12-19, Mt 4: 1-11

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9:**

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**K/C BREAKFAST**

Everyone's welcome to enjoy a great breakfast this Sunday morning, (Feb. 3) in the Parish Center after each of our Masses. Our K/C's graciously host the breakfast.

**MEETING REMINDERS**

The next **Christian Service** meeting will be held this Tuesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

The next **RCIA** class will be this Wednesday, Feb. 6 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be this Thursday, February 7 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

**THANK YOU FROM HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

The Human Development Commission wishes to thank parishioners of Sacred Heart for their generous donations this holiday season from our Giving Tree, allowing them to provide gifts for 118 families, including 277 children. Wonderful!



**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 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 asks us to abstain from meat on Fridays, if at all possible.

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

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 & 10****LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Ginny DeRoche

9:00 a.m. Diane Reed

11:00 a.m. Youth Mass

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

5:00 p.m. Alma Moreno\* Absence of Priest

9:00 a.m. Norm Daniels\*

Jan Daniels, Becky Learman

Bruce Mellendorf, Rose Putnam

11:00 a.m. Youth Mass\*

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Absence of Priest

9:00 a.m. Evan Smith, Daniella Babcock

11:00 a.m. Youth Mass

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. Marilyn Gludovatz, Brad Hartel Family, Art Rollend Family, Pat Strozkeski

9:00 a.m. Maggie, Floyd Echols, Ken, Sally McIntosh, Mary Terbusch, Joan Smith

11:00 a.m. Christine Harbec, Pat Gettel, Irene Aymer, Mary Ann Szpunar

**USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:**

5:00 p.m. Dave Lagos\* Doug Lagos

Kyle Nordstrom, Dave Kolacz

9:00 a.m. Dave Klebba\*, Tom Braun

Jason Kappen, Kris Ball

11:00 a.m. Paul Ellsworth\*, Jack Generous

Pete O'Brien, Bill Blaylock

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6****LECTORS:** 12:00 pm Volunteer, 7:00 pm MariAnn Saenen**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST:** Volunteers**STATIONS OF THE CROSS/AND SOUP SUPPERS**

During Lent we will gather to pray the ancient prayer of the Church, the Stations of the Cross. Before the Stations all parishioners are invited to a soup supper in the Parish Center. This will take place each Thursday during Lent beginning **February 14**. The soup supper begins at 6:00 pm and the Stations @ 7:00 pm. Please plan to join us.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICES SCHOLARSHIPS**

2007-2008 Senior College Scholarship applications are available in the Sacred Heart Parish Center Office. The scholarships are for any area high school seniors who are members of Sacred Heart Parish. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize student parishioners who have participated in parish activities and demonstrated Christian Service during their high school years, and to encourage them to continue to do so in their future lives.

**CASINO TRIP**

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Parisville, invites you to join them with their Kewadin casino trip (St. Ignace, and Sault Ste Marie) Feb. 28-29. \$116.00 double occupancy. Reservations or info to Donna Klama, (989) 864-5636.

**BENEFIT BREAKFAST**

A benefit pancake breakfast for the Michael & Suzanne Bursick family of Reese will be held Sunday, February 17, 11:00 am-2:00 pm. @ Christ Lutheran Church Hall, 1946 S. Reese Rd., Reese. Cost \$5.00. Michael is receiving dialysis, and unable to work. Suzanne has ovarian and pancreatic cancer, Ben (son) experienced a traumatic head injury. They have lost their total source of income and have received a notice of foreclosure on their home. Donations can be sent to Reese United Methodist Church, 9859 Saginaw St., Reese MI 48757. If sending check, Identify for the specific need of the Bursick family.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Our Weekly Need.....\$5800.00  
 Last Weekend..... \$5875.91  
 482 Envelope Holders-- Envelopes Used Last Weekend: 214

† *Pastor's Notes*

**HAPPY LENT**-Ash Wednesday marks a significant and inspirational event in the spiritual journey of our church, diocese and parish. It is the beginning of the SEASON OF LENT with the Distribution of Ashes. As the burning palms fill the Church with smoke, and the blessed ashes are placed upon our foreheads in the "sign of the cross", we are 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 10:9), 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 mental 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, 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 upon 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 BOOKS**-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 will once again have LITTLE BLACK BOOKS. Please make sure you pick up a copy of this GREAT book.  
 In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

**FUNERAL LUNCHEON APPRECIATION**

We want to thank our church family for giving their time and talent in helping with the funeral luncheon for Marlene Knight: Bill & Maureen Fealko, Bruce & Bev Mellendorf. Also to the K/C's who helped prepare and deliver the meats: Tom Braun, Adam Rodriguez, Norm Daniels, J.R. Vandemark and Bob Chisholm. We deeply appreciate everyone who donated food when called. Special thanks to Carolyn Graff who gladly offered to bake all the dinner rolls. We have been very blessed to have volunteer callers who take the time to call and ask parish members for food donations for funeral meals.  
 For the past several years Linda Will, Nancy Hornbacher, Lisa Bednarski & Cheree Szidik have been these callers. Now, Linda, Nancy & Lisa have "retired". We sincerely

thank them for the many hours they donated. Our new volunteers callers are Dorothy Faust, Renee Brink, Pauline Godzinski (& Cheree). Please remember how essential this ministry is. They deserve our thanks. Please say "yes" when the callers ask for your help. (Christian Service)

† **FAITH FORMATION NEWS** †

- Feb. 3-K of C Breakfast
- Feb. 3-High School Youth meet 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Feb. 5-Mardi Gras Night 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6-Sacramental Session 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 9-Reconciliation Inscription Service 5:00 Mass
- Feb. 9/10-After Mass coffee social
- Feb. 10-High School youth meet 7:00-9:00 pm
- Feb. 12-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet 7:00 pm
- Feb. 13-After School Social 3:30-5:00 pm
- Feb. 13-Reconciliation meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14- Stations of the Cross with the High School youth
- Feb. 17/18-No Faith Formation programs
- Feb. 18/20-Ski Trip
- Feb. 24-No Faith Formation for Sunday a.m. classes
- Feb. 24-High School youth meet 7:00-9:00 pm
- Feb. 25-Faith Formation classes resume

**DISCIPLES IN ACTION**-The youth and chaperones who traveled to Washington D.C. for the March for Life wish to thank all of the parishioners for their support and prayers for our trip. Please come to the Parish Center after the Masses on Feb. 3 to see our pictures and talk about our experience!

**Some disciples of the High School youth group** attended Mass At S.V.S.U. last Sunday. We had pizza afterwards at the dorm of former youth group disciples Katie Bodeis and Ferren Garris!

**Thank you** to Patti Adams, Jenny Sabo and Barb Gainforth for volunteering to substitute in the Faith Formation program during the March For Life trip. We appreciate your stewardship!

**Thank you** to Pat Gregor who has kindly volunteered to sew the First Eucharist banners. Thank you also to all of the other parishioners who responded to the request for help.

The newly confirmed disciples and the Faith Formation catechists wish to thank the **Knights of Columbus** for purchasing the new Confirmation stoles worn by the disciples during Mass @ Confirmation last Sunday. We are very grateful for all that the Knights of Columbus do to show their love and support to the Faith Formation disciples Bless you!

**"CIRCLE OF STRENGTH"** is meeting on Monday's from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Join us as we read Sunday by Sunday and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings and how they relate to our own lives. The cost is FREE, the learning and growth, priceless!

**MARDI GRAS FUN NIGHT**  
 Come join us for our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Mardi Gras Celebration! Learn how it got started and some of the traditions that go along with it.  
**When:** Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Sacred Heart Parish Center **Who:** All Parish Members.  
 To volunteer or register call Karen 673-2276.

**CHOOSING PEACE**  
*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (Romans 12:18)*

