

**Saturday, February 23:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, February 24:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**Monday, Feb. 25: Lenten Weekday**

2 Kgs 5: 1-15a, Lk 4: 24-30

No Mass today

**Tuesday, February 26: Lenten Weekday**

Dn 3: 25, 34-43, Mt 18: 21-35

No Mass today

**Wednesday, February 27: Lenten Wednesday**

Dr 4: 1, 5-9, Mt 5: 17-19

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, February 28: Lenten Weekday**

Jer 7: 23-28, Lk 11: 14-23

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Friday, February 29: Lenten Weekday**

Hos 14: 2-10, Mk 12: 28b-34

8:30 a.m. Mass

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph 5: 8-14, Jn 9: 1-41

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**†(FREE) SOUP SUPPER & STATIONS OF THE CROSS†****What:** Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross**Where:** Parish Center & Cross**When:** Thursdays during Lent thru Mar. 13**Time:** Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm, Stations @ 7:00 pm**Who:** All families of Sacred Heart**LENTEEN RETREAT**

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 Wednesday, March 5. The day's activities start @ 10:00 and will end approx. 3:30. This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation, Mass & Stations. Cost \$20.00 includes lunch. RSVP to Rita Maher (989) 635-7072 by Feb. 28.

**DIOCESAN 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The diocesan family is invited to a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass of the founding of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw @ 5:30 pm on Sunday, March 2, 2008 @ St. Mary Cathedral in Saginaw. Bishop Carlson will preside. An open house will follow at the newly renovated cathedral offices. Those who entered the Church during the past year through the sacraments of initiation and their families are especially encouraged to come, as are those who serve the poor through out the diocese. The Diocese of Saginaw was established by Pope Pius XI on Feb. 26, 1938.

**THANK YOU**

A sincere thank you to the Sacred Heart Parish Family for their prayers, cards and visits during my recovery from heart surgery. May God bless all of you. Richard Emery

**BEFRIENDER MINISTRY**

The Befriender Ministry is available to anyone who is in need of a Christian Presence during a difficult time. A Befriender is a confidential listener with whom someone can share a burden. If you, or someone you know, are in need of a Befriender, please call the church office (673-2346) for a referral or information.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 1 & 2****LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Eleanor Razmus

9:00 a.m. Eva Rodriguez

11:00 a.m. Wally Kent

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

5:00 p.m. Paul Langlois\*

Art Rollend, Lynn Petiprin

Irv &amp; Ginny DeRoche

9:00 a.m. Art Graff\*

Carolyn Graff, Daniella Babcock

Ann Reinelt, Bruce Mellendorf

11:00 a.m. Irene Aymer\*

Char Bauerschmidt, Jenny Sabo

Chris Oakie, Bridget Smith

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Theresa Burkey, Jared Burkey

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

11:00 a.m. Claire Starling, Emily Strasz

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. Theresa, Marissa Connell, Eva Rodriguez,

Jerry, Lil Guild, Dorothy Faust

9:00 a.m. Joan Smith, Vincent Albin, Karen Adams,

Daniella Babcock

11:00 a.m. Sharon Vandenbossche, Linda Strasz,

Keith, Lynette Baur, Kolar Family

**USHERS FOR MARCH:**

5:00 p.m. John Merz\* Adam Rodriguez

Austin Hessling, Mark McKervey

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

Denise Bristol, Matt Perez

11:00 a.m. Joe Fessler\*, Doug Prosser

Chris Taylor, Pete O'Brien

**A TIME OF ENLIGHTENMENT****JOHN T. JOHNSON MISSION**

This is the last week to sign up for John T. Johnson's Lenten Mission!

All adults are welcome to join us for an evening of wine and cheese on **Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 pm** in the Parish Center. John will speak on the "Light Within Us".

**On Sunday, March 2 @ 12:30 pm** we will start with a Soup & Bread Lunch. John will then speak on "Light in the Midst of Darkness". Grief & Redemptive Suffering. Also, Q & A. time.

John will meet with the youth at the following times:

**Sunday, March 2 @ 10:00 am**-Middle School

**Sunday, March 2 @ 6:00 pm**-High School

**Monday, March 3 @ 3:30 & 6:15 pm**-All Faith Formation Disciples.

**Be sure to En"light"en yourself this Lent. You're welcome to attend one or more of the sessions.**

**To sign up please call Karen @ 673-2276.**

**Hope to see you there!**

**SPIRIT FILLED EVENING**

St. Christopher Parish, Bridgeport, is hosting an exciting spirit filled evening with renowned actor, Frank Runyeon on Tuesday, March 11 @ 7:00 pm. He will give a one-man performance on the Gospel of John. Free will offering. Info: 989-777-0424.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Our Weekly Need.....	\$5800.00
Last Weekend.....	\$3945.65
476 Envelope Holders-- Envelopes Used Last Weekend: 152	

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**HAPPY LENT-**Our journey through the "spiritual" desert of Lent spending forty days examining our lives, attitudes and actions, etc. to see where we are, where we hope to be when Easter arrives, now enters the third week. If we have been prudent in our endeavor to spend time in prayer and reflection, we should begin to see a difference in ourselves.

**R.C.I.A.-THE SCRUTINIES-**During the third, fourth, and fifth weekends we celebrate the liturgical rite called THE SCRUTINIES with our catechumen and candidate as they continue their journey towards Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, and full acceptance into the Catholic Church. The Scrutinies are the primary rites of the Lenten period of purification and enlightenment. They are rites for self-searching and repentance. To "scrutinize" means to take a long and careful look at all the ways we need to be healed and strengthened. The Scrutiny rites allow the elect to "go public" with their struggles in faith which the congregation accepts as their own. If the rites are celebrated as the church intends, they give the elect a strong sense that the community is saying to them, "It's okay to still have areas in your life which are contrary to the Gospel-as long as you are sincerely trying to do something about them, because that's all we ourselves, the baptized, are ever able to do. We're not saints, and we don't expect you to be saints either. The important thing is to honestly face up to whatever hinders us from living fully Christian lives and to pray together for freedom from these burdens." In the Scrutinies, the elect and the community acknowledge the power of evil that hinders them from following Christ, and the elect give public witness to their ongoing conversion. Conversion is not about punishment for sin; it is about an all-loving merciful God who offers to save us from sin. Conversion is an opportunity to grow and to change. The scrutinizes, celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent are based on three important stories from the Gospel of John: the Samaritan woman at the well (4:5-42); the Man born blind (9:1-41); and the raising of Lazarus (11:1-45). The Samaritan woman, the blind man, and Lazarus each encounter Jesus in a way that transforms their lives. By facing their powerlessness, they are able to confess their faith in Jesus as Savior. These stories invite all of us to recognize our thirst and spiritual blindness and to see where we are entombed and in bondage. The primary minister of initiation in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the **PARISH COMMUNITY**. The people of God, as represented by the parish, should understand and show by their concern that the initiation of adults (and children) is the responsibility of all the baptized. We continue to pray for Lainey Ransford and Janell Merz as they journey to the Easter Vigil. During these remaining weeks of Lent, may we pray for our catechumen and candidate as they continue their remarkable journey of faith. May God bless them (and us) in this journey. In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

**REMINDERS: Admin. Comm.** meets. Tues. Feb. 26 @ 7:00 pm.  
**RCIA** meets Wednesday, Feb. 27 @ 7:00 pm.

**FUNERAL LUNCHEON THANKS**

God bless everyone in our parish who donated food for the funeral luncheon for Estelle Romain. To Carol Papp, Gwen Perz, Shirley Sizemore, Bob Kamrad & Bob Chisholm for their time and talent preparing, serving and cleaning up at the luncheon. This ministry of evangelization is appreciated by everyone.

**WORKERS/FOOD PANTRY**

Since there are many families in our parish who have unlisted phone numbers, our funeral callers who volunteer their time are unable to get in contact with you. If you are willing to either work at funerals or donate non-perishable food for our pantry, please call Pat Chisholm @ 673-3207.

**TRANSPORTATION HELP**

Are you willing to drive a church member to a doctor/hospital appointment? We are in great need of anyone who can help out occasionally. Your service might only be needed once or twice a month or not for several months—but we need you. Please call Janet @ 989-673-4927 if you can help.

**†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†**

- 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
- Feb. 26-Book Club 7:00-8:15 pm
- Feb. 26-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders 7:00 pm
- Mar. 1-John Johnson "Be the Light You Are" @ 6:00 pm
- Mar. 2-K of C Breakfast
- Mar. 2-John Johnson "Light in the Midst of Darkness" 12:30 pm
- Mar. 2-High School youth meet 6:00 pm dinner/speaker \*note time change
- Mar. 4-Book Club 7:00-8:15 pm
- Mar. 9-First Eucharist Inscription Service 11:00 Mass
- Mar. 9-High School youth meet 7:00-9:00 pm
- Mar. 12-Sacramental Session # 5, 6:30 pm
- Mar. 19-After school social 3:30-5:00 pm
- Mar. 20-Sabbath Celebration 6:00-7:00 pm

**DISCIPLES IN ACTION-**

Last Thursday evening the High School youth presented the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to the youth who re-wrote the stations in their own words, the youths who read the stations and the youths who helped serve the soup supper: Mallori Adams, Daniella Babcock, C.J. Bednarski, Nathan Bednarski, Jared Burkey, Theresa Burkey, Karisa Cody, Taylor Everts, Mary Laethem, Kayla Jamieson, Becky Learman, Kelsey Merz, Amanda Perez, and Cassi Reamer. Our parish is certainly blessed with some great young disciples!

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH-**An Oratory Contest is being sponsored by the Right to Life organization. Prize money ranges from \$25.00 to \$1,000.00. The deadline to participate is March 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, for seniors only, an essay contest sponsored by the Saginaw Diocese is being offered. The deadline is March 28. Please contact Ann @ 673-2276 or [ann@carosacredheart.org](mailto:ann@carosacredheart.org) for more information on either contest.



**"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!

**Behold Your Life** book club meets on Tuesday's 7:00-8:15 pm.

**THANK YOU**

Our Mardi Gras celebration was a big success, thanks to the many folks who attended. Our volunteers went above & beyond their call of duty also. The following donated desserts, made food, and worked in the kitchen: Joni Hall, Ginny DeRoche, Lynne Petiprin, Lisa Bednarski, Alma Moreno, Ann Reinelt, Janet Markham, Barbara Gainforth, Christine Kolar, Denise, Aradia, & Taylor Bristol and Pat Chisholm. Our faith formation disciples decorated the auditorium. Matt Strasz & Josh Rutkowski painted a backdrop, and the Men's Choir shared their musical talents with us. Thank you to all! May God bless each of you for sharing your gifts and talents! Karen Cody, Community Ministry

**YOUTH DECORATE CHURCH**

A big thank you to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation disciples for helping decorate the Church for Lent. Our parish has been blessed with a fantastic group of kids!

**VG'S RECEIPTS**

We are very grateful to all those who give their VG's receipts to us to be used for the Homeless Coalition. Through your donations of these receipts we were able to give the Homeless Coalition \$2,227.06 last year for the needy. Bless you!