

**Saturday, March 1:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 2:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, March 3: Lenten Weekday

Is 65: 17-21, Jn 4: 43-54

No Mass today

Tuesday, March 4: Lenten Weekday**Ez 47: 1-9, 12, Jn 5: 1-16**

No Mass today

Wednesday, March 5: Lenten Wednesday

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

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 6: Lenten Weekday

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

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 7: Lenten Weekday

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

8:30 a.m. Mass

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**EZ 37: 12-14, ROM 8: 8-11, JN 11: 1-45****SATURDAY, MARCH 8:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 9:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

PARISH BREAKFAST

Your are invited to enjoy a luscious breakfast this Sunday after the 9:00 Mass, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Don't miss it!

†(FREE) SOUP SUPPER & STATIONS OF THE CROSS†What: Soup Supper & Stations of the CrossWhere: Parish Center & ChurchWhen: Thursdays during Lent thru Mar. 13Time: Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm, Stations @ 7:00 pmWho: All families of Sacred Heart**OUR SYMPATHY**

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of **Barb Sokol** whose funeral liturgy was held this past week at Sacred Heart. May she know eternal peace and joy with Jesus our Lord.

Our prayers and sympathy also to the family of **John Jocham, Jr.** whose funeral liturgy was held this past week at Sacred Heart. May he know the peace and joy of eternal life with Jesus the Lord.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Sacred Heart Christian Service organization will meet this Tuesday, March 4th. A business meeting will start @ 6:30 pm followed by a DVD presentation entitled "Tell All Souls about My Mercy" beginning @ 7:00 pm. The DVD is approximately one hour in length. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

REMINDERS: RCIA meets Wednesday, March 5 @ 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Parish Council meets Thursday, March 6 @ 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 8 & 9**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass

9:00 a.m. Mario D'Addezio

11:00 a.m. Youth Mass

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass*

9:00 a.m. Pete Sayers*

Norma Sayers, Andy Schlaud

Joan Smith, Rose Putnam

11:00 a.m. Youth Mass*

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass

9:00 a.m. Liz Schlaud. Michael Bednarski

11:00 a.m. Youth Mass

GREETERS:

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

9:00 a.m. Mario D'Addezio, Bill Learman Family, Rita, Dick Gruber, Jerry, Sandy Noeker

11:00 a.m. Christine Harbec, Pat Gettel, Irene Aymer, Barb Buckley

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

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Communal Reconciliation Services will be celebrated here on **Tuesday, March 11 @ 12:00 noon and also Thursday, March 13 @ 7:00 p.m.**

This is a wonderful opportunity offered us to shed the baggage of our sinfulness and accept the peace that comes from **reconciling** ourselves to the God of the universe.

LAMENT/LENTEN SERVICE

After our Soup Supper last Thursday, we gathered in the church for a "Lament" Lenten service. MariAnn Saenen led us in a deeply moving liturgy of prayer that touched so many hearts, complimented with hymns led by Jessica Dudek. Thank you, MariAnn and Jessica, and all who participated in this memorable service. God's presence was truly felt as we offered Him our prayers.

A TIME OF ENLIGHTENMENT

WE WELCOME JOHN T. JOHNSON

Our long-awaited "Time of Enlightenment" will be held this weekend. It's a great time for all parishioners to enrich their Lenten experience by attending any of these events. Following are the times for these special sessions:

Saturday, March 1st @ 6:00 pm (John will speak on the Light Within Us) in the Parish Center, includes wine & cheese.

Sunday, March 2 @ 12:30 pm (John will speak on "Light in the Midst of Darkness")-includes soup & bread lunch.

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

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

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

PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need.....\$5800.00
 Last Weekend..... \$5972.52
 476 Envelope Holders-- Envelopes Used Last Weekend: 236

*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 any more 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 also tell how many people one has killed! Such exactness is not required for lesser (venial) sins. What is need 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 this 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

OUR APPRECIATION

We are grateful to the family (and estate) of Pauline LaPratt who recently donated some much-needed equipment for our Parish Center kitchen. We now have a new roaster and microwave. This will be especially useful for our funeral meals. Our thanks.

†**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**†

- 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 10-First Reconciliation for youth
- Mar 11-Book Club 7:00-8:15pm
- Mar 12-Sacramental Session # 6 @ 6:30 pm
- Mar. 19-After school social 3:30-5:00 pm
- Mar. 20-Sabbath Celebration 6:00-7:00 pm
- Mar 23/24- No Faith Formation classes
- Mar 25-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet 7:00 p.m.

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 17th. 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 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.

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

A "Relay for Life" Fundraiser is being held on Saturday, March 8 for all who love to Scrapbook. The event runs from 10:00 am-10:00 pm at the "Scrap House" in Caro. Cost is \$30.00 and includes use of the Scrap House tool room (Sizzliz, Cricut, computer...) lunch, dinner, snacks and door prizes! To register: Lisa 674-2357 or the Scrap House 673-5115.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE DAY

Come and join us for a day of service and fun! We will go to the East Side Soup Kitchen in Saginaw to serve lunch to the less fortunate (10:00-2:00 pm). We will return to the Youth Center and have activities, prayer, food and fun!!

When: Friday, March 28, 2008

Time: 9:00 am -10:00 pm

Who: All Middle School Youth

Where: Rectory basement

What to Bring: A good attitude!

If any adults would like to participate/drive you would be most welcome! **Call Karen @ 673-2276 to register.**



†
IN OTHER PARISHES

SPRING SOUP TAKE-OUT

St. Elizabeth Parish, Reese, is hosting a soup take-out on Wednesday, March 5 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. They offer homemade chicken noodle & bean soups. \$5.00 per quart. Proceeds to St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School.

FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus from Unionville/Sebewaing are sponsoring an all-you-can-eat fish fry at the USA High School Cafeteria on M25 March 7, 28, & April 18 from 4:30-7:00 pm. Adults \$7.75, children 6-12 years \$4.00, 5 & under free.

SWISS STEAK DINNER

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church, Vassar invites you to a swiss steak dinner next Sunday, March 9, 11:30 am - 3:00 pm. Adults \$8.00, kids 6-12 \$5.00. Under 5 free.