

SACRED HEART CHURCH



My God, My God, why have
you abandoned me?

Saturday, March 15:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 16:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, March 17: Monday of Holy Week

Is 41: 1-7, Jn 12: 1-11

No Mass today

Tuesday, March 18: Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49: 1-6, Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

No Mass Today

Wednesday, March 19: Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50: 4-9a, Mt 26: 14-25

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 20: Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14, 1 Cor 11: 23-26, Jn 13: 1-15

7:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, March 21: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Is 52: 13-53:12, Heb 4: 14-16, 5, 7-9, Jn 18: 1-19-42

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Services

EASTER SUNDAY/RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43, Col 3: 1-4, Jn 20

SATURDAY, MARCH 22:

8:30 p.m. Mass (Please note there is no 5:00 Mass)

SUNDAY, MARCH 23:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

MASS & SABBATH CELEBRATION

You're welcome to join our parish community for a pasta dinner before Holy Thursday Mass. Sabbath blessings and a short explanation will accompany our dinner @ 6:00 p.m. We will make the connection to "keeping holy the Lord's day". Following the meal, we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper in Church @ 7:00 p.m.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

This weekend we will have the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in Christ who are going through challenging times. The baskets will be at the entrances of the church to receive your donations of non-perishable food. May God bless you for your generosity.

HERE COMES PETER COTTONTAIL



The annual Caro Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Sunday, March 16th @ 1:00 p.m. at the K/C Hall on Ryan Rd. All Sacred Heart kids age 0-12 are welcome.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

The blessing of Easter food will be offered on Holy Saturday, March 22 @ 10:00 am in Church. You may wish to bring meat, eggs, bread, fruits, vegetables, cheese or butter to be blessed.

EASTER TRIVIA

The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!).

The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 22 & 23

LECTORS:

8:30 p.m. Volunteers needed

9:00 a.m. Diane Reed

11:00 a.m. Mary Ann Szpunar

PRAY FOR PEACE

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

8:30 p.m. Volunteers needed

9:00 a.m. Joan Smith*

Andy Schlaud, Angie Campbell

Daniella Babcock, Joanne Richardson

Vic Guzman*

11:00 a.m.

Lil Guild, Dakotah Brissette

Sharon Vandenbossche, Rita Papp

ALTAR SERVERS:

8:30 p.m. Daniella Babcock & Volunteer

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

11:00 a.m. Brittney Quick, Matt Snyder

GREETERS:

8:30 p.m. Dale, Patty Churchill, Mike, Kathy Fader, Margaret Cockerill, Michele/Brittney, Nicole Quick

9:00 a.m. Richard, Barbara Tetil, Sandy Budreau, Joan Smith, Pete, Kaye Zurek

11:00 a.m. Lee, Carol Starling Family, Al, Kim Wasik, Cindy Jackson, Dick, Sue Ransford

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LECTOR FOR HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 20:

7:00 p.m. Alma Moreno

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST FOR HOLY THURSDAY:

7:00 p.m. Ginny DeRoche*, Pat Chisholm

Ann Reinelt, Lisa Bednarski, Karen Cody

ALTAR SERVERS: Daniella Babcock, Jared Burkey

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LECTORS FOR GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21:

1:00 p.m. Wally Kent, Joanne Richardson

MINISTER OF EUCHARIST FOR GOOD FRIDAY:

1:00 p.m. Chris Creguer



EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 20

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 21

1:00 p.m.

Vigil of Easter, March 22

8:30 p.m.

Easter morning, March 23

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Delena Magiera who was buried from Sacred Heart this past week. May the angels lead her into Paradise where she will find eternal peace and happiness.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE

Thank you for your generous donations from our recent Catholic Relief Service collection. Through these donations CRS is able to help hungry children eat, war-torn countries build peace, and refugees make a new life.—They are Jesus in disguise. Total amount received was \$1010.00.

FUNERAL MEAL ITEMS NEEDED

Our food pantry for funeral meals is in dire need of the following: large cans of Pam spray, decaf & regular coffee, powdered fruit punch/lemonade mix, quart jars of salad dressing/mayo, large freezer baggies, large jars of sweet/dill pickles, Dawn dish soap. These items may be dropped off at the Parish Center during the day. Thank you for supporting this ministry. (Christian Service)

DEATH NOTICE



Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mt. Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, his devoted mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem of Judea.

He is survived by his mother, Mary, his faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self-educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a medical doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of his death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about his Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before his death, he held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which he foretold his death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family

By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try and live as Jesus did.

Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK-HOLY WEEK

"We never appreciate something until we no longer have it." These words strike a chord with me because we have become sloppy with the practice of our faith, especially days that the church calls **holy**.

As Catholics we say that TRADITION is important to us. It should be important. However, over the past years as the church has changed, so have our attitudes and the practice of our faith. I tend to agree that the church may have gone from one extreme to another and "threw the baby out with the bathwater." Many of the changes are difficult to accept and appreciate. We long "for the good ol' days." Yet, many of our traditions were simplified in order to generate more participation. The "bad news" is the fact that as things were simplified they became less of a priority and attendance declined. Remember the 'ol days' when people were required to be in church every day during Holy Week? If a person wasn't going to confession then they were participating in one of the many services. It was unheard of to miss any of these Holy Week services-especially under the pain of mortal sin.

Well, look what people have done today! It is incredible to listen to and see the many people who do NOT attend Holy Week Services. It's sad that people make the choice NOT to attend. It's double sad if they make this choice and it involves children and youth. The message it sent is:

This is not important. When the church changed many of its practices, it placed the responsibility to be present at services squarely upon the shoulders of the people. People now have to make the decision to either attend a service or skip it. Sadly, many make the decision to "skip" the services because other things are more important. There are many excuses used to justify one's choice.

This coming week is HOLY WEEK and we will celebrate the many aspects of Jesus' death upon the Cross and the triumphant celebration of Easter. We will spend the last days of the week in church. I invite and expect people of the parish to be in attendance at these services. This is our faith. This is our tradition. Yes, school will be out for thousands of kids next Friday which is Good Friday. Parents, please make every effort for you and your children to attend this service. Peace, Fr. Dennis

THE HOLY OILS

In cathedrals around the world, bishops bless the holy oils at the "Chrism Mass" celebrated on Holy Thursday morning. (Tuesday in our diocese).

- The **Oil of Catechumens**: Used to strengthen those who are preparing for Baptism.
- The **Oil of the Sick**: Used for the healing of mind, body and spirit.
- The **Holy Chrism**: Used at Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination, and the dedication of a church building.

PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need.....	\$5800.00
Last Weekend.....	\$6296.41
476 Envelope Holders - 236 Envelopes Used Last Weekend	

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

- 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.
- Mar. 28-Middle School Service Day
- Mar. 30-Sunday Faith Formation classes meet
- Mar. 31-Monday Faith Formation classes meet
- Apr. 6/7-No Faith Formation classes
- Apr. 8-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet
- Apr. 14-Monday Faith Formation classes resume
- Apr. 16-After school social 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 19-Jesus Experience Day 10:00
- Apr. 20-First Eucharist 11:00 Mass

The annual **8th grade Mass** celebration with Bishop Carlson will be held on May 8th @ 10:30 at St. Mary's Cathedral. All 8th grade youth from throughout the diocese are invited. Contact the parish center if you are interested.

Attention youth in grades 8-12-A World Youth Day in Sydney Ohio is planned for July 19-20. Terific music, speakers and prayer will be a part of this awesome experience. The diocese has room for 110 youth, so sign up soon if you are interested. Call Ann @ 673-2276 or e-mail at ann@sacredheart.org for more information.



"**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 Tuesday's 7:00-8:15

CASS CITY K/C's (6108 Beechwood Dr. Cass City) invite you to their **Fish & Chicken dinner** this Friday, Mar. 21-4:00-7:00 pm. Adults \$8.00, 11-18 \$4.00, 10 and under free.