



Saturday, February 14:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 15:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, February 16: Weekday

Gen 4: 1-15, 25, Mk 8: 11-13

No Mass today

Tuesday, February 17: Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, religious

Gn 6: 5-8, 7: 1-5, 10: Mk 8: 14-21

No Mass Today

Wednesday, February 18: Weekday

Gn 8: 6-13, 20-22, Mk 8: 22-26

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, February 19: Weekday

Gn 9: 1-13, Mk 8: 27-33

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, February 20: Weekday

Gn 11: 1-9, Mk 8: 34—9:1

8:30 a.m. Mass

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25, 2 Cor 1: 18-22, Mk 2: 1-12

Saturday, February 21:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 22:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY



We have a very generous parish of the Sacred Heart. You have been very helpful in bringing food items to our church every month. Once again, as the need ever increases, we ask your assistance. Please bring any non-perishable foods to church next weekend to be used for the needy in our area. This is a great help to those who are struggling during this difficult economic time.

“THE SHACK” DISCUSSION GROUP

Lent is a good time to challenge us spiritually. A book entitled “The Shack” (which Fr. Dennis has been using in his homily recently) is a great way to do that. We will have a discussion group on Wednesday evenings during Lent starting on March 4th thru April 8th @ 6:30 pm in the parish center. If you would like to sign up or need a book, please call Karen @ 673-2276.



WELCOMING MASS & BRUNCH

A Welcoming Mass for new parishioners will be held at our parish on February 22 at the 9:00 Mass. Following the Mass there will be a brunch served at the parish center, hosted by Christian Service. No charge--all parishioners are welcome! Please join us in welcoming our new members.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEB. 21 & FEB. 22:

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Gerard Kolanowski

9:00 a.m. Norm Daniels

11:00 a.m. Renee Wood

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Mary Knoll*

Lilia Kolanowski, Volunteers

Karen Cody

9:00 a.m. Bob Chisholm*

Pat Chisholm, Joanne Richardson

Al & Dale Rae

11:00 a.m. Carol Starling *

Lee Starling, Bridget Smith

Dakotah Brissette, Chris Oakie

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Theresa Burkey, Ashley Merz

9:00 a.m. Liz Schlaud, Bailey Merz

11:00 a.m. Crystal Messing, Matt Snyder

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Jill, Stephanie Brink, Brad Hartel Family, Art

Rollend Family, Pat Strozeski

9:00 a.m. Sandy Budreau, Vance, Lynn Smith, Joan

Smith, Daniella Babcock

11:00 a.m. Lanny, LaDonna LaFave, Irene Aymer, Pat

Gettel, Karlee, Vicki Neuville

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:

5:00 p.m. Mark Petiprin*, Mark McKervery

Troy Kausch, Kevin Kausch

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

Dave Klebba, Denise Bristol

11:00 a.m. Bill Blaylock*, Vic Guzman

Doug Prosser, Paul Ellsworth

MARDI GRAS FUN NIGHT

Come join us for our 9th Annual Mardi Gras Celebration!!

Learn how it got started and some of the traditions that go along with it.

*Prayer *Activities *Appetizers
(Our famous Jambalaya too!)

When: Tuesday, February 24th

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Sacred Heart Parish Center

Who: All Parish Members

To Register: Call the Parish Center @ 673-2276

*No charge -just Lots of fun!! Hope to see you there!!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would greatly appreciate help at our Mardi Gras with serving, cooking, baking or doing face painting. If you would like to offer your assistance, please call Karen @ 673-2276.

IN APPRECIATION

We are blessed at Sacred Heart to have a wonderful crew working at funeral luncheons. Pat Chisholm heads the “work force” and helpers have noted she is wonderful to work with, being well organized, and bringing love and comfort to the families who have lost a loved one. She’s quick to give praise to her helpers. Ku-do’s to Pat! Also it is noteworthy to mention we have been blessed with other wonderful persons who have “headed” the funeral luncheons....Betty Gorleski in years past, also Donna Klebba who often helps when Pat is unavailable. The other hard-working persons (both guys and gals) who willingly offer their help for the funeral luncheons are offering a vital ministry to those who are enduring a difficult time with the loss of a loved one. God bless all of you!

PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need.....\$5800.00
 Last Weekend.....\$6062.00
 476 Envelope Holders...205 Envelopes used last weekend

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leprosy in biblical times was not the dreaded disease we know by that name today, but was any white, crusty patch on a person's skin. The people in Jesus' day considered eczema and skin diseases like it to be leprosy.

According to the Jewish faith, lepers were ritually unclean. This did not mean they were sinful or dirty but that they could not worship in the Temple or offer sacrifices there. Lepers also lived outside the city walls and cried out "unclean, unclean" whenever someone came near them. Anyone who touched a leper was also unclean.

Because leprosy prevented the person from associating with others, especially in public worship, today's first reading instructs the leper to rend or tear a piece of clothing, an ancient Jewish sign of grief.

A person who recovered from the leprosy first met a priest outside the city walls and if the priest found the leprosy had indeed cleared up, the leper would take a ritual bath and then offer certain sacrifices to God. The type of sacrifice depended on the person's financial ability. Only after washing and offering the sacrifices could the person return to the city and worship with the rest of the community.

Notice that in today's Gospel reading Jesus not only associates with the leper but he also does something the ordinary person would not dare do. Jesus stretches out his hand and actually touches the man, healing him on the spot. Jesus then instructs him to show himself to the priest and to offer the appropriate sacrifices in the Temple.

Notice also that Jesus tells the man not to say anything to anyone about being healed. We find this messianic secret, as biblical scholars call it, only in the Gospel according to Mark. In no other Gospel does Jesus perform a miracle and then instruct the person not to make the incident public. Scripture scholars do not know why Jesus does this or why the same or similar stories in the other Gospels do not contain this detail.

For Reflection

Lepers were the people society shunned in Jesus' day. Who are the outcasts in our own society today? How would Jesus want us to treat these people?

BISHOP'S CHARITY BALL

The third annual Bishop's Charity Ball will be held at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw on Friday, April 24. We will celebrate the gift of Catholic schools and, in a special way, we will honor the critical role of Catholic schoolteachers. If you would like to attend this event, or for more information please let us know @ 673-2346 before February 27.

FAREWELL

Long-time parishioners Lil & Jerry Guild will soon be moving to their home in Mio. As they leave their beloved parish and friends from Sacred Heart they wish to extend their good wishes to all of us here. God bless you Lil & Jerry!

THANK YOU

Christian Service would like to thank the 25 volunteers who helped with the recent funeral luncheons for Eileen Gallagher, Edythe Lado and Francis Decker. It's certainly appreciated!

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

- Feb. 14/15-After Mass coffee social
 - Feb. 15/16-No Faith Formation classes
 - Feb. 16/17-Ski Trip to Treetops
 - Feb. 22-High School youth group meets 12:00-1:30
 - Feb. 24-Mardi Gras Party
 - Feb. 24-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders/Mardi Gras Party
 - Feb. 25-Sacramental meeting 6:00 p.m.
 - Feb. 28-Catechist Enrichment Day
 - Mar. 1-High School Youth Group meet 12:00-1:30
 - Mar. 7/8-NET RETREAT for Middle and H.S. Youth
 - Mar. 8-NET RETREAT for High School Youth
 - Mar. 10-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet @ 7:00 pm
- High School youth group** will meet on **Feb. 22** from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm in the rectory basement.

Please join us in the Parish Center after Mass this weekend for coffee, juice, and treats! The disciples in the Faith Formation classes have decorated cupcakes to share with the parishioners.

Sunday By Sunday meets on Mondays @ 6:15. This is an informal gathering and a fun group to be part of. Join us as we read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings. Info: Lynne Petiprin @ 673-3795.



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

NET, National Evangelization Team, is a group of young adults who travel the U.S. spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They will be in our parish on March 7th & 8th, doing Retreats for our Middle & High School youth.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OVERNIGHT RETREAT

When: Saturday, March 7th
Time: 4:00 pm Saturday, till 7:00 am Sunday
Where: Youth Center

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

When: Sunday, March 8th
Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Where: Youth Center
Mass will be celebrated at both the Middle School and the High School Retreats.
 To sign up please call 673-2276.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED...

Our NET Team, a group of young adults who are doing a Retreat with our youth, need housing for the evening of March 7th. If your family is willing to open your home to two or more, please call Ann or Karen @ 673-2276.

DISHES, DISHES

Please note that dishes are piling up in the parish center from those who have donated food for funeral dinners. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience.

SINGLE? WANT TO MEET OTHERS?

If you interested in meeting for conversation and other activities, please let us know. Age limit has not yet been established. Give Vincent Albin a call @ 989-673-1992, or e-mail him @ Vincent001@centurytel.net

ST. ELIZABETH SOUP TAKE-OUT

St. Elizabeth Parish, Reese, is sponsoring a Spring soup take-out this Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. Homemade chicken noodle & bean soups. \$5.00 per quart.

THE BEST PRAYER

The best prayer in the world is "Let thy will be done," because God knows what you want. So say, "Don't give me what I want; give me what I need."
 (From I Like Being Catholic)