

*Lord, You Have The Words
Of Everlasting Life.*

Saturday, March 14:

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

Sunday, March 15:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, March 16: Lenten Weekday

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

No Mass today

Tuesday, March 17: Lenten Weekday, Patrick, bishop

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

No Mass today

Wednesday, March 18: Lenten Weekday, Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor

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

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 19: Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22: Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 20: Lenten Weekday

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

8:30 a.m. Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21

Saturday, March 21:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 22:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Next weekend you are asked to bring non-perishable food to church to be given to the less fortunate of our community. We are all aware of the difficult economic situation we are in, and any help you can give to those in need is greatly appreciated. May God

bless you for your generosity.

**SOUP AND LENTEN SERVICES**

All parishioners are invited to a simple Lenten meal of soup and bread this **Thursday, March 19** (before Reconciliation), also March 26th and April 2nd. The suppers will begin at 6:00 pm at the Parish Center followed by the Lenten Service @ 7:00 pm in Church. Please note there is no charge for these suppers. It is the parish's gift back to the generous people of our church.

LENTEN RETREAT DAY

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will offer a **Lenten Retreat Day** for all women of the diocese at the Center for Ministry at the Diocese of Saginaw on Saturday, March 28. The day's activities start @ 10:00 a.m. and will end at approximately 3:30 p.m. The cost for the day is \$20 and includes lunch. This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, Mass & Stations of the Cross. Please RSVP to Betty Ross (989-792-6090) by March 23.

"THE SHACK" DISCUSSION GROUP

You're welcome to join us for a group discussion session on the book entitled "The Shack" held each Wednesday during Lent in the Rectory basement @ 6:30 pm.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MARCH 21 & 22:**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass

9:00 a.m. Norm Daniels

11:00 a.m. Wally Kent

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

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

9:00 a.m. Al Rae*

Dale Rae, Joanne Richardson

Carol Papp, Bruce Mellendorfi

11:00 a.m. Chris Creguer*

Dolly Aymer, Char Bauerschmidt

Vic Guzman, Sharon Vandenbossche

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

9:00 a.m. Daniella Babcock, Bailey Merz

11:00 a.m. Angela Papp, Matt Snyder

GREETERS:

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

9:00 a.m. Mary Terbush, Joan Smith, Daniella Babcock, Karen Adams

11:00 a.m. Lee Starling Family, Al, Kim Wasik, Cindy Jackson, Linda, Matt Strasz

USHERS FOR MARCH:

5:00 p.m. Dale Hasenleder*, Austin Hessling

Kyle Kausch, Logan Kausch

9:00 a.m. Matt Perez*, Michael Bednarski

Jim Will, Dale Romain

11:00 a.m. Jack Generous*, Jon Findlay

Chris Taylor, Joe Fessler

RECONCILIATION

It's time to plan for Easter by refreshing your soul with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Communal Reconciliation will be celebrated here this **Tuesday, March 17 @ 12:00 noon and also on Thursday, March 19 @ 7:00 pm.**

K/C AUXILIARY

Our regular meeting night falls on the same night as Communal Confession March 19 (7:00 pm). Therefore, we will have our meeting at the Parish Center after Communal Confession. Also, we'd like you to join us for the soup supper @ 6:00 pm at the Parish Center. Carol Papp, Auxiliary President

HAVING A GENERAL RESPECT FOR OTHERS**LENTEN REFLECTION**

We all understand the basic concept "Thou shall not murder." However, it goes much deeper than the physical act of ending someone's life. In what ways do I unintentionally "murder" someone? Do I say mean things about them either to their face or to others? Do I laugh when they are ridiculed by others? Do I allow myself to gossip or do I listen to gossip? Do I fantasize about seeking revenge or seeing the person "get theirs?"

It is easy for us to allow our anger to lead us into this unintentional form of murder we don't even realize we are committing. If we do not settle our differences with each other as soon as possible, it gives the devil a chance to embellish the facts or twist disagreements in a way that can make us so angry that we damage our relationship with others and with God.

Prayer: God, your love knows no boundaries and no one is beyond the grasp of your grace and mercy. Help me to bestow on others the grace and mercy you have bestowed on me.

(From Reflections for Lent-Dominican Alliance)

PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need.....\$5800.00
 Last Weekend.....\$6640.82
 478 Envelope Holders...223 Envelopes used last weekend

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 catechumens 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 Scrutinies, 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 **Kevin Robishaw** and **Joshua Jones** as they continue to the Easter vigil. During these remaining weeks of Lent, may we pray for our catechumens as they continue their remarkable journey of faith. May God bless them (and us) on this journey.
 In Christ's Peace,
 Fr. Dennis

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

- Mar. 17-Reconciliation service 12:00
- Mar. 18-The "Shack" book discussion @ 6:30 in rectory basement
- Mar. 18-After school social 3:30-5:00 pm
- Mar. 18-Sacramental Session 6:00 pm
- Mar. 19-Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm
- Mar. 24-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet @ 7:00
- Mar. 25-The "Shack" book discussion @ 6:30
- Mar. 26-Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm
- Mar. 29-First Eucharist Inscription Service @ 11:00 Mass
- Apr. 1- The "Shack" book discussion @ 6:30 in rectory basement
- Apr. 2-Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.
- Apr. 6-12-No Faith Formation Classes
- Apr. 9-Soup supper 6:00 pm and Mass 7:00 pm

A Scrapbook Crop will take place at the Parish Center on March 21 from 10:00 am-10:00 pm. The cost is \$30.00 and includes lunch, dinner, beverages, snacks, use of Cricut and Sizzix machines, stamps, punches...All proceeds will go to the **Relay for Life**. To sign up please call Lisa @ 674-2357 or 673-2276.



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.

NET RETREAT

Our NET members did an awesome job with our Middle & High School youth retreats. Once again, our parishioners helped to make their stay very comfortable. Thank you to the host families: Bob & Pat Chisholm, Cal & Joanne Richardson, Bill & Jo Learman, Fr. Dennis, Alma Moreno-Babcock. Thank you also to those who provided food: Carolyn Graff, Joanne Richardson, Linda Strass, and Carol Starling. A big thank you to Becky Learman for staying up all night with the Middle School youth. Last, but not least, thanks to all the youth who attended-it wouldn't have been possible without your presence. God bless each of you for your ministry!
 Karen Cody, Ann Reinelt, Youth Ministry.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

2008-2009 College Scholarship applications are available at 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 scholarships is to recognize student parishioners who have demonstrated Christian Service during their high school years and to encourage them to continue Christian Service in their future lives. **Application deadline is April 1**, with recipients determined by May 1.

ST. ELIZABETH TUITION ASSISTANCE

The Caro Knights of Columbus are offering a tuition assistance scholarship to a family with a student(s) attending St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School, Reese, during the 2009-2010 school year. To be eligible you must meet the criteria on the application and submit a completed application by June 1. Contact Ginny DeRoche (office 673-2346) or Bill Learman (673-6777) for an application. Return applications to St. Elizabeth Scholarship Committee, PO Box 930, Caro MI 48723. Forms submitted for scholarship assistance are held in strict confidence and are not shared outside the Scholarship Committee.

CASS CITY K/C DINNER

You're invited: Fish & Chicken dinner this Friday, March 20, 4:00-7:00 pm at the K/C Hall, 6108 Beechwood Dr. Cass City. Adults \$8.00, young adults 11-18 \$4.00, under ten free. .

SPRING BAZAAR

HOLY TRINITY (1004 S. Wenona, Bay City) Spring Bazaar – Saturday, March 21, 9:00-3:00. Crafts, jewelry, scrapbooking, home decor, lunch & more.