

CREATE

a clean heart in me, O GOD.

Saturday, March 28:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 29:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, March 30: Lenten Weekday

Dn 13: 1-0, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, Jn 8: 1-11

No Mass today

Tuesday, March 31: Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30

No Mass today

Wednesday, April 1: Lenten Weekday

Dn 3: 14-20, 21-22, 95, Jn 8:31-42

No Mass today

Thursday, April 2: Lenten Weekday, Francis of Paola, hermit

Gn 17: 3-9, Jn 8:51-59

No Mass today

Friday, April 3: Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42

No Mass today

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Mk 11:1-10, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mk 14:1-15

Saturday, April 4:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 5:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass.

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Fraser Vargo who was buried from Sacred Heart recently. May the angels lead him into Paradise where he will find eternal peace and joy.

"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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generosity to last week's Catholic Relief Services collection. The amount collected was \$1460.00. May God bless you for your concern of others.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE



The Sacred Heart Christian Service Committee is sponsoring a Mother's Day Hanging Basket Flower sale. The Flower sale will be a fundraiser for the High School Senior Scholarships. Christian Service Committee Members

will be **taking orders** for the hanging flower baskets after Masses on **March 28-29, April 18-19, and April 25-26**. The flowers will be **ready for pick up at the Parish Center after Masses on May 2-3**. For more info call Mary Gettel @ 673-8281.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, APRIL 4 & 5

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Mary Knoll, Dick Emery

9:00 a.m. Diane Reed, Joanne Richardson

11:00 a.m. Mark Ransford, Mary Ann Szpunar

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Paul Langlois*

J.R. & Mark Ann Vandemark,
Karen Cody, Art Rollend

9:00 a.m. Joan Smith*

Andy Schlaud, Dick Bertrand
Pete & Norma Sayers

11:00 a.m. Bridget Smith*

Jenny Sabo, Chris Oakie
Jerry & Sue Lasceski

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Bryan Cody, Caleb Knox

9:00 a.m. Liz Schlaud, Daniella Babcock

11:00 a.m. Nick Bauerschmidt, Kim Oakie

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Theresa, Marissa Connell, Brad Hartel
Family, Marilyn Gludovatz

9:00 a.m. Thomas, Bonnie Braun, Karen Adams,
Vincent Albin, Joyce Anderson

11:00 a.m. Richard, Donna Hartman, Jillian Perez,
Karlee, Vicki Neuville, Doug, Don
Prosser, Linda Krohn, Mary Ann
Spzunar

USHERS FOR APRIL:

5:00 p.m. Dan Monville*, John Merz
Dolly Emery, Dave Kolacz

9:00 a.m. Pat Stapleton*, Joe Greene

Mike Greene, Nathan Bednarski

11:00 a.m. Vic Guzman*, John Kopko
Doug Prosser, Pete O'Brien.

EASTER SCHEDULE



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9 @ 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10 @ 1:00 PM

VIGIL OF EASTER, APRIL 11 @ 8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12 @ 9:00 & 11:00 AM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

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 1st. Contact Ginny DeRoche (office 673-2276) or Bill Learman (673-6777) for an application. Return application to: St. Elizabeth Scholarship Committee, PO Box 94, Caro MI 48723. Forms submitted for scholarship assistance are held in strict confidence and are not shared outside the Scholarship Committee.

THE COLOR PURPLE

In Scripture Mark & John note that the cloak the soldiers used to mock Jesus was purple. As a result, the color purple came to be associated with the Passion of Christ. Liturgically, purple is a symbol of penance.

PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need.....\$5800.00
 Last Weekend.....\$5903.75
 478 Envelope Holders...218 Envelopes used last weekend

From the Pastor's Desk

HAPPY LENT-Lent is conversion. And conversion is turning away from illusory, dried-up wells that do not give life; it is turning to God, our true fountain of love and abundant life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, endorses this approach, explaining, "Conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a 'contrite heart'...to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first."

Prayer is part of our Lenten journey and comes in many forms; some people like to pray formal, memorized prayers. Others pray spontaneously, their prayers coming from their thoughts, emotions and needs. Whatever way you choose to pray—it is good. God hears all prayers: whether they are voiced aloud or spoken in the silence of our thoughts and prayers. Mortification is another word we hear during Lent. It has negative connotation. Nevertheless, it is possible to use this word and others, like self-denial, fasting, sacrifice in positive ways. The purpose of fasting is to remind us that there is a source of life more profound than food and drink. There is good which can come from giving up something during Lent. It can help us to recognize what we have and maybe take for granted. The aim of finding joy in Lent is not to seek ways of escaping pain, penance, or the challenges and crosses that life give us. In fact, we must listen more carefully than ever during these Lenten days to Jesus' invitation to embrace and carry those crosses: "Whoever wishes to come after Me must...take up a cross and follow Me..." "Our human choice," it has been said, "is not between pain and no pain, but between the pain of loving and the pain of not loving." Jesus chose the "pain of loving" and in so doing showed us how to do that too.

There is nothing worse than the "pain of not loving," that is, suffering in a black void. Pain borne out of love for God and neighbors, on the other hand, brings the true disciple to richer life and meaning. Many of the thoughts and reflections in this letter have come from the writing of Rev. Jack Wants, O.F.M. entitled, **YOU CAN FIND JOY IN LENT**. I hope that your Lent is going well. God bless you as you continue to pray, fast and give alms.
 In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

SOUP AND LENTEN SERVICES

All parishioners are invited to a simple Lenten meal of soup and bread this **Thursday, April 2**. The supper 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.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

This weekend we welcome Fr. Palazzolo from Food for the Poor. He will share what he has witnessed about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. We ask you to be generous to this worthy mission.

†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

- Mar. 29-First Eucharist Inscription Service @ 11:00 Mass
- Apr. 1- The "Shack" book discussion @ 6:30-Rectory
- Apr. 2-Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.
- April 8-"The Shack" book discussion 6:30-Rectory
- April 9-Soup Supper 6:00 pm and Mass 7:00 pm
- Apr. 6-12-No Faith Formation Classes
- April 14-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet 7:00 pm
- April 15-After School social 3:30-5:00 -Rectory basement
- April 18-Jesus Experience Day 10:00 am
- April 19-First Eucharist Mass 11:00 am
- April 20-Last Faith Formation class
- April 27-Faith Formation Picnic 3:30-5:00 pm

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.

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.



KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT

All Sacred Heart kids ages 0-12 years are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. It will be held at the K/C Hall, 903 Ryan Rd., on Sunday, April 5th @ 1:00 pm. Lots of fun, snacks, and prizes.

ST. ELIZABETH OPEN HOUSE

St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School, Reese, is offering an Open House-Registration Night this Tuesday, March 31, from 5-8 pm for Pre-school, Young 5's & Kindergarten. Come and meet the teachers and find out why St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School "Lights the Way." More info: 989-868-4108.

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The only known "text" that was written about Jesus during his lifetime is the inscription on the cross. Yet all four Gospels quote it differently:

Matthew: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews

Mark: The King of the Jews


Luke: This is the King of the Jews

John: Jesus the Nazarene, The King of the Jews.

GUYS NIGHT OUT

Grab your dad, brother, uncle, kids and come join us for a night of food, fun & games!

Who: All Guys

What: Food, Texas Holdem', cards, , Air Hockey, Turkey Call demo

Where: K of C Hall, 902 Ryan rd., Caro

When: Friday, April 17, 2009

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: Free: Wear your camouflage and bring something to trade: Sports, fishing, hunting equipment, etc.

Sign up before **April 13** by calling Mark Petiprin @ 673-3795 or the Parish Center @ 673-2276.

Hope to see you there!!