

*Be With Me,
Lord, When I
Am In Trouble.*

**Saturday, February 20:**

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

Sunday, February 21:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, February 22: The Chair of St. Peter, apostle

1 Pt 5: 1-4, Mt 16:13-19

No Mass today

Tuesday, February 23: Lenten Weekday, St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr

Is 55: 10-11, Mt 6: 7-15

No Mass Today

Wednesday, February 24: Lenten Weekday

Jon 3: 1-10, Lk 11: 29-32

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, February 25: Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Mt 7:7-12

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, February 26: Lenten Weekday

Ez 18: 32-38, Mt 5: 20-26

8:30 a.m. Mass

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18, Phil 3: 17—4:1, Lk 9:28b-36

Saturday, February 27:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 28:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

We are grateful to all those who bring non-perishable food to church for us to distribute to the needy of our community. Thank you again this weekend.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS/AND SOUP SUPPERS**

During Lent we will gather to pray the ancient prayer of the Church, the Stations of the Cross. Before the Stations, parishioners are invited to a (free) soup supper in the Parish Center. This will take place each Thursday during Lent beginning February 25th. The soup supper begins @ 6:00 pm (this week served by the High School Youth) and the Stations @ 7:00 pm. We'll be happy to have you join us.

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Floyd Echols who was buried from Sacred Heart this past week. Floyd has now entered eternal life with Jesus our Lord.

AWAKENING FAITH INVITATION SUNDAY

"Do you know someone who is away from the Church? Do you wish there was something you could do? Now there is! On February 27 & 28, our parish will sponsor an *Awakening Faith Invitation Sunday* to prepare us to invite Catholics to return to a more active practice of their faith. The people we love (friends, neighbors, co-workers) may be open to returning to the Church. On *Awakening Faith Invitation Sunday*, we will learn more about our calling as disciples of Jesus to invite inactive Catholics. Please pray that God will bless our efforts."

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 & 28**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Dick Emery
9:00 a.m. Carolyn Graff
11:00 a.m. Renee Wood

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Mary Knoll*
Dave & Donna Klebba
Art Rollend, Lynne Petiprin
9:00 a.m. Joan Smith*
Pete & Norma Sayers
Rose Putnam, Bruce Mellendorf
11:00 a.m. Char Bauerschmidt*
Dolly Aymer, Chris Creguer,
Rita Papp, Mary Ann Szpunar

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Andrew Rollend, Alex Rollend
9:00 a.m. Daniella Babcock, Fischer Smith
11:00 a.m. Angela Papp, Alex Phillips

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Marge Biebel, Michelle, Brittney,
Nicole Quick, Dale, Patty Churchill,
Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Vance, Lynn Smith, Richard, Barb
Tetil, Daniella Babcock, Joan Smith
11:00 a.m. Bernard Lenda, Mark, Mary Ann
McKervey, Lee, Carol Starling Family,
Dick, Sue Ransford

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:

5:00 p.m. Mark Petiprin*, John Merz
Dale Hasenleder, Austin Hessling
9:00 a.m. Tom Braun*, Michael Bednarski
Kris Ball, Pat Stapleton
11:00 a.m. Vic Guzman*, Doug Prosser,
Mark Ransford, Chris Taylor

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

A **Welcoming Mass** for new parishioners will be held at our parish this Sunday, February 21 @ the 9:00 Mass. Following the Mass there will be a brunch served at the Parish Center, hosted by Christian Service. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please join us in welcoming our new members to Sacred Heart Parish.

HAVE A LITTLE FAITH

"Have a Little Faith" Book Club will be held at the Parish Center during Lent. **When:** Wednesday's Feb. 24, March 3, 10 & 17. **Time:** 6:00-7:30 pm. **What:** Discussion of the book "Have a Little Faith" by Mitch Album. **Who:** All are invited.

Read the book (very inspiring) and mark anything that "strikes" you. We'll discuss about 50 pages each week

REMINDER

There will be an Administration Meeting this Tuesday, February 23 @ 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

RCIA

RCIA will meet this Wednesday, February 24 @ 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

TO PONDER

"In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human successes, but on how well we have loved." (St. John of the Cross)

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Need.....\$6800.00
 Last Weekend.....\$5263.29
 478 Envelope Holders204 Used Last weekend.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Modern Christians usually have no trouble acknowledging that Jesus is God, but they find accepting his humanity much more difficult. Hebrews 4:15 tells us we have a high priest (Jesus) who knows what it is to be weak because he, like us, experienced temptation. This means at one time or another Jesus must have had the temptation to lie, to cheat, and to steal. As a man, his head must have turned and his heart must have pounded faster when an attractive woman walked down the street. These are all natural experiences that humans, including Jesus, have encountered since the beginning of time. The only difference is that Jesus never sinned.

Today's Gospel reading tells us about Jesus' struggle with temptation, a story that contains thirteen verses in Luke's Gospel but only two in Mark's. It seems that Luke fills in many of the details while Mark is satisfied with simply saying the devil tempted Jesus. Being much more colorful, Luke's account is the one we are most familiar with.

In the first two of the three temptations, the devil tempts a hungry Jesus to turn stones into bread (a symbol of this world's goods) and he then promises more power and authority if Jesus would only worship him. It would have been easy for Jesus to use his divine powers to fulfill his own desires but he didn't. Instead, throughout the Gospels, we find him using his abilities to serve the poor and the needy.

In the third temptation, the devil takes Jesus to the parapet of the Temple and challenges him to jump. A stairway inside the Temple led to the roof where a seven-foot wall (the parapet) ran along the roof's edge. Some biblical scholars think the bricks of the top layer of this wall were pyramid-shaped with sharp spikes sticking out of them to prevent birds of prey (attracted by the smell of the slaughtered animals the priests offered inside to God) from perching there and messing the Temple wall with their droppings.

The story concludes with the devil leaving Jesus until he finds another opportunity to tempt him, indicating Jesus had to struggle with more temptations throughout his life. Temptation, it seems, was just as much a part of Jesus' life as it is part of ours.

FOR REFLECTION:

All three times when the devil tempted him, Jesus responded by quoting Scripture. What are you doing to become more familiar with Scripture so, like Jesus, you too will be able to fight temptation with God's Word?

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

The Befriender Ministry is available @ Sacred Heart Parish to serve anyone who may need someone to listen to them in times of sadness or stress, loneliness or pain. If you know someone who needs this ministry, or if you yourself feel the need of a friend who will listen, please call the church office (673-2346) to make a referral or for more information.



†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

- Feb. 21**-High School youth meet 7:00-9:00 pm
- Feb. 23**-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 24**-After school social 3:30-5:00 pm
- Feb. 25**-Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross by **High School Youth**
- Feb. 28**-High School youth will attend Mass @ S.V.S.U.
- Mar. 7**-High School youth meet 7:00-9:00 pm
- Mar. 9**-S.P.R.E.D. Friend & Leaders meet @ 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 10**-Sacramental Session # 6 with dinner @ 6:00 pm in the Rectory basement.
- Mar. 14**-High School youth meet 7:00-9:00 pm
- Mar. 17**-After School Social 3:30-5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY-BY-SUNDAY meets each Monday, 6:15-7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Join us as we meet to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings in an informal way!



AWAKENING FAITH will meet on Tuesday's 8:00-8:30 pm, beginning March 16th.

.SCHOLARSHIPS

Both the Sacred Heart Christian Services and the K/C Ladies Auxiliary are offering scholarships this year. The scholarships are for any area High School Seniors who are members of Sacred Heart Parish. The purpose of the scholarships are 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. For info call Alma (K/C Auxiliary info) @ 673-2276 or Ann (Christian Services info) @ 673-2276. Forms may be picked up at the Parish Center.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Parishioners of St. Agatha Church, Gagetown invite you to their Euchre Tournament @ the Parish Hall on Feb. 21, March 21, April 18. Registration 11:45-1:00. Lunch @ noon. Cost \$10.00. Beer and wine available. 50/50 raffle. Info: Marilyn @ 673-2752.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

In 1975, Catholic Relief Services founded Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten program that invites people to place a cardboard container (given out in parishes) in their homes, and put in it the money that is saved because of their fasting and the things they give up for Lent. At the end of Lent, the Rice Bowl is brought to Mass, and the money is used for development projects in poor nations and hunger relief in the local diocese. You may pick up a "rice bowl" at the entrances of church.

HOSPICE HELP NEEDED

There are hospice patients in our area who would love to have someone just come and sit to visit, write letters, read newspapers, etc. to them. If you would like to find out more call Kim Barnes @ 989-872-5852. (The Home and Hospice Advantage Team, Cass City).