

**Saturday, February 27:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, February 28:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**Monday, March 1: Lenten Weekday**

Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38

No Mass today

**Tuesday, March 2: Lenten Weekday**

Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23: 1-12

No Mass Today

**Wednesday, March 3: Lenten Weekday, St. Katharine Drexel, virgin**

Jer 18: 18-20, Mt 20: 17-28

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, March 4: Lenten Weekday, St. Casimir**

Jer 17: 5-10, Lk 16: 19-31

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Friday, March 5: Lenten Weekday**

Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15, Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12, Lk 13: 1-90

**Saturday, March 6:**

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

**Sunday, February 28:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**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. Our next Stations/Soup Supper will be this Thursday, March 4. The soup supper begins @ 6:00 pm (this week served by Administration members), and the Stations @ 7:00 pm. We'll be happy to have you join us.

**TODAY IS INVITATION SUNDAY**

As baptized disciples of Jesus, we have the privilege of sharing in Jesus' ministry of evangelization and reconciliation by inviting inactive Catholics we know to the Church. Give them a flyer, and you might say to them: "I know that you have been talking more about the Catholic Church lately, and I thought that you might like to receive this invitation. I would be happy to accompany you because I would like to learn more about these topics myself." The flyer states when the six-sessions for Awakening Faith will be held. Additional flyers are at the back of church."

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MARCH 6 & 7****LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Dick Emery

9:00 a.m. Helen Monkowski

11:00 a.m. Gloria Gainforth

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

5:00 p.m. Ginny DeRoche\*

9:00 a.m. Joan Smith\*

Norm &amp; Jan Daniels

Vic Guzman, Rose Putnam

11:00 a.m. Jerry Lasceski\*

Sue Lasceski, Chris Oakie

Rich &amp; Donna Hartman

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

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

9:00 a.m. Liz Schlaud, Fischer Smith

11:00 a.m. Nick Bauerschmidt, Tim Sabo

**GREETERS:**

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

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

11:00 a.m. Al, Kim Wasik, Cindy Jackson, Linda Strasz, Keith, Lynette Baur

**USHERS FOR MARCH:**5:00 p.m. Adam Rodriguez\*, Kevin Kausch  
Troy Kausch, Logan Kausch9:00 a.m. Matt Perez\*, John Papp Sr.  
Joe Greene, Nathan Bednarski11:00 a.m. Jack Generous\*, Bill Blaylock  
Paul Ellsworth, Doug Prosser**HAVE A LITTLE FAITH**

"Have a Little Faith" Book Club will be held at the Parish Center during Lent. **When:** Wednesday's 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

*Our Sincere Thanks*

Last Sunday our parish celebrated a wonderful "Welcoming Brunch". We were able to welcome our new parishioners from this past year, along with many of our other parishioners. We sincerely appreciate all those who worked on this special occasion, and others who came to be part of our parish's hospitality. Our wonderful helpers included: Richard & Mary Ann Szpunar, Nancy Hornbacher, Bruce & Bev Mellendorf, Shirley Lubaczewski, Elaine Jorden, Rich & Donna Hartman, Marsha Perez, Jerry & Sue Lasceski, Maureen Cole, and Janet Markham. God bless you!

**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 13. The day's activities start @ 10 am and will end at approx. 3:30 pm. The cost for the day is \$20, which includes lunch. This silent retreat includes spiritual talks, Mass, Stations. Please RSVP to Cindy Thompson 989-792-1369 or Rita Maher 989-635-7072 by March 8.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Weekly Need.....\$6800.00  
 Last Weekend.....\$5549.01  
 478 Envelope Holders .....198 Used Last weekend.

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
 (Luke 9:28-36)**

Jesus is at the top of a mountain, deep in prayer, when he changes in appearance. His clothes become dazzling white and Moses and Elijah suddenly appear and converse with him. Half asleep, Peter offers to erect three booths (tents), one for each of the distinguished visitors and Jesus. Without warning, a cloud envelops them and a voice comes from it. The vision quickly ends and Jesus and the three disciples are alone again.

This Gospel story is rich with symbolism. Some Jews believed the righteous would wear white clothing in God's kingdom and would live in tents because the Jews lived in tents when God led them out of Egypt, through the desert, and into the Promised Land. All this symbolism makes it likely Peter thought he was in the kingdom of God.

The strangest feature of today's Gospel reading is the appearance of Moses and Elijah, two important Old Testament figures who had been dead for hundreds of years. Moses represents the laws God gave him on Mt. Sinai, laws the Jews believed were a guideline to holiness. Some Jews believed following the laws was a sure way to please God and to reserve for oneself a spot in his kingdom. Elijah, on the other hand, was one of the greatest prophets in the history of the Jewish people. Many Jews believed he would return to the earth to prepare the way for the messiah, God's chosen one who would usher in God's kingdom on earth. Since the Jewish people called their Scriptures (what Christians call the Old Testament) "the Law and the Prophets," we can assume that is what Moses and Elijah represent when they appear together in today's Gospel. We can interpret their presence with Jesus to mean that just as God once worked to save the Jewish people from their physical enemies in the days of the Old Testament, he is now working through his son, Jesus, to save the world from its spiritual enemy, the devil.

All this symbolism points to Jesus being the messiah, a conclusion the voice from the cloud supports when it identifies Jesus as the chosen one (another way of referring to the messiah). The Old Testament sometimes uses a cloud as a symbol of God's presence (see Exodus 13:21, Exodus 16:10, and 1 Kings 8:10-11). Therefore, the voice must belong to the heavenly Father.

Thus, we'll miss the point of today's Gospel if we focus only on the change in Jesus' appearance. What's more important is that the Father used this occasion to confirm Jesus' mission as the messiah, the person he chose to establish his kingdom on earth.

**FOR REFLECTION:**

Just as Jesus was at prayer when all this happened, prayer can also transfigure our lives. Identify an area in your life that needs change and ask God to transform you into a new person, pleasing to him in every way.



**†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†**

- 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. Friends & 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.
- Mar. 21**-High School youth meet 7:00-9:00 pm
- Mar. 23**-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet 7:00 pm

**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!



**MIDDLE SCHOOL LENTEN LOCKIN**

**When:** Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> –Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Time:** 5:00 pm Mass until 7:00 am  
**Who:** All Middle School Youth  
**Where:** Rectory Basement  
**What to Bring:** Comfy clothes, sleep bag, pillow, and one snack item to share.  
**Join us** for food, fun, and prayer. Call Karen @ 673-2276 to sign up. See you there!

**THANK YOU**

Once again our Mardi Gras Celebration was well attended and a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone who helped with the following: decorating, making appetizers, desserts, face painting, working in the kitchen, keeping the drinks & food stocked, and cleaning up. Again we thank the Men's Choir for their beautiful music for our parade and prayer celebration. It certainly takes a community to make great things even greater! We appreciate everyone who helped with this celebration!  
 (Karen Cody, Community Ministry!)

**RETURNING**

Remember Archbishop Bishop Fulton J. Sheen? His program is back on TV with his "Life is Worth Living" program. It airs on the Dish Network 261 Catholic TV. Also on the web @ [www.CatholicTV.com](http://www.CatholicTV.com). He gives lots of inspirational talks-give his program a try!

**SOUP TAKE-OUT AND PASTIE SALE**

St. Elizabeth Church (Reese) Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring another SPRING SOUP TAKE-OUT.  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 **Time:** From 12:00 noon-6:00 pm (or until sold out!) **Soups:** Homemade Chicken Noodle and Bean (Soup take-out only)  
**Cost:** \$5.00 per quart. Proceeds to St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School

**ALSO:** St. Elizabeth is sponsoring a **U.P. Pastie Sale** for March 24, 12:00-3:00 pm and Thursday, March 25 from 3-6:00 pm. **Deadline** to place order: Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$5.00 each. To place an order call 989-868-4566. (Only accepting the first 350 orders).