



Saturday, March 13:

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

Sunday, February 14:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, March 15: Lenten Weekday

Is 65: 17-21, Jn 4:43-54

No Mass today

Tuesday, March 16: Lenten Weekday

Ez 47: 1-9,12, Jn 5: 1-16

No Mass today

Wednesday, March 17: Lenten Weekday, St. Patrick, bishop

Is 49: 8-15, Jn 5: 17-30

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 18: Lenten Weekday, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church

Ex 32: 7-14, Jn 5: 31-47

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 19: St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, 18-21, 24a

8:30 a.m. Mass

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Is 43: 16-21, Phil 3: 8-14, Jn 8: 1-11

Saturday, March 20:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 14:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

WE COMMEMORATE CHRIST'S SACRIFICE

We are very fortunate to have **nationally-known Catholic Lay Evangelist, Bill Richart** at our church this Thursday, March 18th. He will lead us through the Stations while featuring music, teaching on crucifixion, and power point images presented on an 8ft by 8ft screen. It is a very moving experience, and you won't want to miss this very special evening. **Be assured he provides a spectacular performance!**

A free-will offering will follow the service.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

We are grateful to all the parishioners who bring non-perishable food for the less fortunate in our community. Next weekend we will once again have baskets at the entrances of the church to receive your much-needed donations. May God bless you for your kindness.

DON'T MISS IT

We continue our Lenten tradition this Thursday evening with a (free) soup supper @ 6:00 pm in the Parish Center followed by a spectacular performance of the "Stations" in Church @ 7:00 by Catholic Lay Evangelist Bill Richart.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MARCH 20 & 21

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass

9:00 a.m. Eva Rodriguez

11:00 a.m. Mary Ann Szpunar

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass

9:00 a.m. Carolyn Graff*

Art Graff, Angie Campbell

Norm & Jan Daniels

11:00 a.m. Carol Starling*

Lee Starling, Rita Papp

Dolly Aymer, Chris Creguer

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Allison Learman, Aradia Bristol

11:00 a.m. Angela Papp, Tricia Sharp

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Eva Rodriguez, Lynn, Mark Petiprin, Mandy Knox, Kathy, Mike Fader

9:00 a.m. Pat, Bob Chisholm, Janet, Bob

DeLorenzo, Tracy LaPrat, Maggie Echols

11:00 a.m. Doug, Don Prosser, Linda Krohn, Mary

Ann Szpunar, Christine Harbec, Jerry,

Sandy Noeker

USHERS FOR MARCH:

5:00 p.m. Adam Rodriguez*, Kevin Kausch

Troy Kausch, Logan Kausch

9:00 a.m. Matt Perez*, John Papp Sr.

Joe Greene, Nathan Bednarski

11:00 a.m. Jack Generous*, Bill Blaylock

Paul Ellsworth, Doug Prosser

5th ANNUAL WALK FOR WARMTH

A chili cook-off will be held this Thursday, March 18, from 5:00-8:00 pm at Bell-Wasik Caro to benefit the 5th Annual Walk for Warmth. Vote for your favorite chili. Donations accepted. Bill Putnam will represent the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is invited.

Rest in Peace

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of John Gallagher, who was buried from Sacred Heart this past week. May the angels lead him into Paradise where he will find eternal peace and joy.

PENANCE SERVICE



Penance Service will be celebrated here on **Tuesday, March 23 @ 12:00 noon** and **Thursday, March 25 @ 7:00 pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity offered us to shed the baggage of our sinfulness and accept the peace that comes from **reconciling** ourselves to the God of the universe.

SOUP'S ON

We have some great cooks in our parish and we are calling on you to share some soup with those who come to our Lenten Soup Supper this Thursday, March 18. (This will benefit our soup budget, as well as a chance for others to enjoy a variety of tasty soups.) If you are willing to share some soup with our parish family please call Alma @ 673-2276 by Tuesday March 16. Many thanks!

OUR SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of James Romain who was buried from Sacred Heart recently. May he find eternal peace and joy with Jesus the Lord.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Need.....\$6800.00

Last Weekend.....\$6752.13
 478 Envelope Holders215 Used Last weekend.

FROM THE PASTOR

At this time during Lent we celebrate the liturgical rite called THE SCRUTINIES with our catechumens and candidates as they continue their journey toward 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, but 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 on going 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 scrutinizes, celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent are based on three 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 our catechumens and candidates as they continue their remarkable journey of faith. May God bless them (and us) in this journey. In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

RETURNING WARRIOR WORKSHOP

By the time you read this note I will be in Denver, CO attending another Returning Warrior Workshop. I was contacted a couple of months ago asking if I would assist the Navy Command in Colorado to host a Returning Warrior Workshop. The Returning Warrior Workshops are weekends in which Navy and Marine Corps personnel (and their spouses) are invited to come and reflect upon their experiences of being deployed. The breakout sessions and presentations are designed to assist the "warrior and spouse/family member" reflect upon the deployment. The time in country, their experiences and return to family and Civilian life. The Department of Defense has mandated the hosting of these workshops in order to assist returning Warriors and families to cope with all the issues of deployment and return. Please pray for all our service men and women and their families, as well as all

our veterans who have served our nation over the past many years. We must appreciate their service. In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis



†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†

- Mar. 14-NO SUNDAY 7/8 GRADE CLASS TODAY**
- Mar. 14-High School youth meet 7:00-9:00 pm**
- Mar. 16-Awakening Faith 7:00-8:30 pm**
- Mar. 17-After School Social 3:30-5:00 p.m.**
- Mar. 23-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet 7:00 pm**
- Mar. 23-Awakening Faith 7:00-8:30 pm**
- Mar. 30-Awakening Faith 7:00-8:30 pm**
- Apr. 4/5-No Faith Formation classes**
- Apr. 14-Teen Rally 4 Life**

SAVE THE DATE MARCH 18TH-Plan on attending the Free Soup Supper at the Parish Center @ 6:00 followed by Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm. Jesus Christ carried the cross through the streets of Jerusalem on the way to His own death. Join nationally known Catholic Lay Evangelist Bill Richart, as we commemorate Christ's sacrifice for the sins of the world. This is an evening you won't want to miss! All are welcome!

Teen Rally 4 Life-Wednesday, April 14th, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Caro K/C Hall. All teens in grades 9-12 are invited and encouraged to attend. Live music, pizza and prizes are a part of the evening. Please contact the parish Center @ 673-2276 to register.



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 7:00-8:30 pm beginning March 16th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LENTEN LOCKIN

When: Saturday, March 20th -Sunday, March 21st

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!

SERVICE DAY AT THE SOUP KITCHEN

All Middle School Youth are invited to a Service Day at the Soup Kitchen in Saginaw on Wednesday, April 7th from 8:45 to 12:30 pm. Call Mrs. Cody @ 673-2276 to sign up.

AN IRISH BLESSING



*May there always be work for your hands to do
 May your purse always hold a coin or two
 May the sun always shine on your windowpane
 May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain
 May the hand of a friend always be near you
 May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you!*



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY