The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

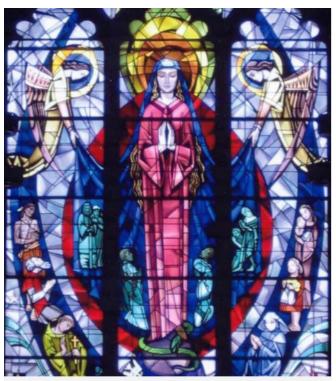
Mark 1:12,13

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The Temptation of Christ by the Devil by Félix Joseph Barrias, 1860

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Liturgy Schedule

Monday, February 19th

8:15 AM †Norman & Mary Ann Thelen, including

Joseph & David

Tuesday, February 20th

8:15 AM Intentions of the Weber family

Wednesday, February 21st

7:00 PM †Louis Pline, 5 year anniversary,

including living & deceased family members

Thursday, February 22nd • The Chair of St. Peter

8:15 AM †Tom Fedewa, 1 year Anniversary

Friday, February 23rd

8:15 AM †Evelyn Hengesbach, including living &

deceased family members

Saturday, February 24th

4:30 PM †Ted Bauman, 10 year anniversary,

including living & deceased family members

Sunday, February 25th • The Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM †Dickie Thelen



The Sanctuary Lamp for this week is in loving memory of Ted Bauman

Upcoming Spiritual Growth Opportunities

February

The Omega Project-Bible Study is held upstairs in the ARK every Monday night from 7 – 8:30 PM.

Readings for February 19th (session 15):

Luke 1-4; Luke 9:18-23 Luke 22-24; John 4:1-42

Topic of Discussion: Messianic Fulfillment

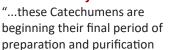
What's the Point(s)? Joy to the World! The fulfillment of all things.

Come and join us and bring a friend!

Plan A Initiative

The Plan A videos on prayer and growth in the spiritual life will be released weekly between February 11th and March 17th. They will be posted on the parish SMPTV YouTube channel with links provided on the parish Facebook page and website. Notices will also be sent on Flocknote. Sign up by texting "SMPTV" to 84576. Please take time this Lent to engage in this life changing journey of embracing God's plan!

Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election





leading to their initiation. They have found strength in God's grace and support in our community's prayers and example."

These are a few words from the Rite of Sending which we will celebrate **next Sunday, February 18th, at the 10 AM Mass** as we send our Catechumens as well as our candidates to the Rite of Election that afternoon at St. Thomas Aquinas in East Lansing. At the Rite of Election, our catechumens will publicly express their desire for Baptism to Bishop Boyea. Their names will then be recorded in a book and they will be called the Elect. The Elect are those called by God to be His own, to be washed in the waters of Baptism, anointed by the Spirit in Confirmation and nourished by Christ in the Eucharist.

All the baptized are God's chosen people. In each of our lives, Christ continues His mission of bringing peace and light into the world. We do this in very simple ways-by living as Christ in our families and in all our daily interactions. The Elect are chosen not simply for Baptism but for mission, Christ's mission. The Elect are signs that God is still indeed with us, blessing our world and recreating it with His Spirit.

Our candidates will also express their desire to Bishop Boyea to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. The Candidates are already baptized but will receive their First Communion and/or Confirmation.

As a parish, let us accompany our Catechumens and Candidates with prayer as they continue their journey to Christ and His bride the Church.

We Need Your Help!

For the past several years, we have offered Eucharistic Adoration on almost every Friday. This ministry relies on volunteers. We need at least one person (preferably two) to be present with Jesus each hour. Once Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, is exposed in the Monstrance, He must not be left unattended. We are asking for one hour a month, or 12 hours a year. "Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart!" -St. Therese of Lisieux



These are the time slots that need to be filled:

First Fridays of each month 1-2 PM 4-5 PM

Third Fridays of each month 12-1 PM 1-2 PM

3-4 PM

Fourth Fridays of each month

1-2 PM

Please call the parish office at 989.587.4201 to volunteer! If you sign up for Adoration and are not able to make your scheduled time you can find your own sub or contact the parish office and we will open up the time slot on our "Sign-Up Genius."

Week at a Glance

Monday, February 19th

5:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)

5:30 PM Reconciliation 6:00 PM Holy Hour

7:00 PM Omega Project-Bible Study/ARK

Tuesday, February 20th

7:00 PM Lost Sheep Holy Hour 7:30 PM AA (Office Basement)

Wednesday, February 21st

5:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)

5:30 PM Reconciliation

7:30 PM RCIA/parish office library

Thursday, February 22nd

5:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)

6:30 PM Finance Council **7:00 PM** Choir Practice

Friday, February 23rd

9:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:00 PM)

1:30 PM School: Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24th

8:15 AM Marian Devotions 3:00 PM Reconciliation

Sunday, February 25th

11:00 AM-3:00 PM Confirmation: Super Sunday



Weekend Ministry Schedule

February 24th • The Second Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Mass

Rosary Dan Witgen

Readers Glenn Simon, Carolyn Norton

EMC Daryl Feldpausch, Roger Luna, Scott Thelen
Servers Daniel Kramer, Jenna Kramer, Alyssa Kramer

Ushers Larry Hanses, Darron Birchmeier, Tory Schneider, Ryan Schneider

February 25th • The Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Mass

Rosary Tommy Lyons

Readers Russ Snitgen, Brian Witgen

EMC Bernie Lehman, Tommy Lyons, Andy Manning
Servers Gavin Keilen, Joseph Lyons, Therese Lyons
Ushers Jeremy Hanses, Ted Platte, Stan Kolp,

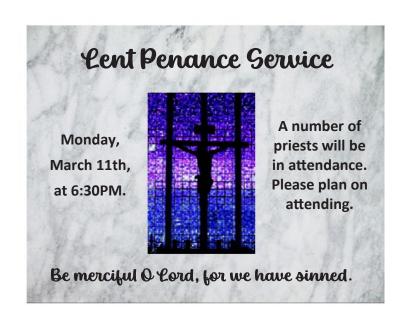
1 Volunteer

10:00 AM Mass

Rosary Jerry Nurenberg

Readers Lisa Fandrick, Laurie Sillman

EMCRon Arens, Chris Groves, Jerry NurenbergServersOwen Thelen, Brady Thelen, Damien ThelenUshersDon English, Joe Heckman, 2 Volunteers



Scripture Readings for the Week of February 18, 2024

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19;

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6;

Mt 16:13-19

Friday Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8;

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119;1-2, 4-5, 7-8;

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19;

Rom 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

Sacramental Preparation

Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples

Before scheduling a wedding date, the engaged couple must first take their Marriage Inventory. This is scheduled through Beth at the parish office (989.587.4201). Once the Inventory has been taken, Fr. Eric or Fr. Peter will contact the couple to set up a meeting where the wedding date will be



scheduled. No information regarding open dates can be given by the parish office staff.

Baptism Preparation



Next Baptism Class: Tuesday, March 19th

at 7:00 PM in the school library. Call the parish office to register 989.587.4201.

Please pick up your Baptism Packet at the Parish Office! The packet includes guidelines for choosing Godparents along with schedules and forms for the day of Baptism. Do not delay as some of these forms are time sensitive!

St. Mary School will pray the Stations of the Cross together on the following Fridays beginning at 1:30 PM in the church: February 23rd, March 1st, and March 15th. Please join us!

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Opportunity

Westphalia Knights of Columbus is offering a total of three \$700 scholarships for its members and members' children of Westphalia Council 2890, planning on attending or who are attending an accredited college, university, technical or trade school for the year 2024-25. Further eligibility requirements can be found on the application form. Applications can be obtained at P-W Counselor's Office or by emailing: kofc2890scholarships@gmail.com.

Completed applications must be postmarked by March 10th.

Weekly Contribution Totals

February 11, 2024

Total Amount Received.....\$22,028.00

 Weekend Collection
 \$16,071.00

 Number of Envelopes
 103

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 40

 We Share
 \$3,482.00

 Transactions
 60

Weekly Amount Needed \$25,000.00

Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:

Sister Myra Scholarship	\$90.00
Home Missions	\$25.00
Easter Flowers	\$80.00

Prayer Corner

This week we pray for the people who are on the list for our prayer network, those listed in our bulletin and those included in The Book of Intentions located near Our Lady of Westphalia.

If you would like your name or a loved one's name added to our bulletin for prayer, please call the parish office at 989.587.4201

Barb Kurkowski

Mary Lou Lehman



Healing Prayer Ministry

The healing prayer team will be available after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays and after the 7:00 PM Mass on Wednesdays on the following dates:

> February 21, March 10 & 20, April 14 & 24, May 5 & 22 June 9 & 19 July 14 & 24

If you would like to make an appointment, please call Vicki Noeker at 989.587.4211.



In Remembrance Luke Martin Eternal rest grant unto him

O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

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Prayer Network Members Will Pray For Your Intentions:

Aurelius Schafer

Stanley Schafer

If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please call the prayer network: 989.587.4132 • 989.587.6624 • 517.285.3783 or email btrierweiler@gmail.com

We CARE Ministry Lenten Initiative

The three pillars of Lent are Prayer (talking to God), Fasting (dying to self), and Almsgiving (giving of one's time, talent, or treasure) all done with the ultimate goal of growing closer to God. During the six weeks of Lent, we are in need of volunteers to reach out to local parishioners with a phone call or a visit to see how they are doing. During your contact we hope to identify if they are currently in need of anything or if there is anything they could use prayers for. We would appreciate both men and women volunteers as it provides different opportunities and perspectives to those receiving the call or visit. Also, if you have someone in mind who would benefit from a phone call or visit, please let us know. If this opportunity is something that interests you as a personal Lenten project, please call Pat Simon at 989.640.7115 or Mary Lou Thelen at 989.587.6600 and they will assist you in this very worthwhile opportunity. With your help we hope to provide conversation and companionship to those who otherwise might go without. Thank you for considering serving our community in this way. "Stay where you are. Find your own Calcutta". St. Mother Teresa

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM

Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:00 PM

Rev. Fr. Eric Weber, Pastor father@stmarychurch.net

Father Peter Lawrence,
Associate Pastor (RCIA)
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Please send your bulletin article as an attachment to:

office@stmarychurch.net by Monday morning - 9:00 AM.

We Care Ministry

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St. Mary's Church Gift Shop

Open by appointment. Please call Cindy Miller 989.640.5533 or Cindy Fedewa 989.640.5332

SENIOR CITIZENS 70+

Mark your calendar for the next senior citizen luncheon at Platte's Pizzeria on **Tuesday**, **March 5th**, **at 12:00 PM**; \$9.00 per person, to be collected at Platte's Pizzeria. A card tournament will be held after the luncheon for \$1.00 per person. **Sign-up sheets will be located in all church entrances starting February 17th** or call 517.614.1215 to sign up (or if you need to cancel). **The deadline to sign up is February 28th**. Also, valet parking will be available, please park in front of Platte's Pizzeria and a staff person will park your car for you. We hope to see you there. Invite a friend to sign up too! Thank you.

REFLECT Retreat

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, on April 5th-7th. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call 586.770.1772 for details.

Pewamo Knights Pie Sale

The Pewamo Knights of Columbus are once again hosting an annual Pie Sale to raise money for our Catholic school, community, and council. The sale will take place over the weekend of March 16th & 17th and will be offering Apple, Blueberry, and Cherry pies at a cost of \$11 each or 3 for \$30. Please contact a Pewamo knights of Columbus member for ordering details or feel free to reach out directly to the pie sale committee members. Andrew Frechen 989.383.0070 or Aaron Frechen 989.383.0099.

St. Mary's Prayer Network

Do you desire to pray for those facing difficulties? Consider joining the *Prayer Network*. You decide how to receive the prayer requests: from a text message, email message or a phone call between 9 AM and 8 PM. Offer prayers of your choice for those intentions for three days. If interested, contact Brenda by phone at 989.587.4132, text 517.285.3783 or email btrierweiler@gmail.com by Wednesday, February 21st. A phone call list will be sent to members who select contact by phone, after that date. Thanks and may God bless you!

Christian Mother and Women's Guild

CMWG mothers and sons are welcome to join on March 3rd at 11:00 AM in Hall A for Bingo. This event will be in place of our traditional banquet meal this year. It is free but donations will be accepted at the door. We do ask that you please RSVP to Jen Cook at 989.640.9320 or cmandwg@gmail.com by February 25th with the number of adults and children attending. We will provide muffins, donuts, bagels, coffee, juice, and water as well as bingo prizes. We hope you can join us! -CMWG Committee

Westphalia Historical Society News

For this summer's exhibit relating to farming, we are seeking photos of barns, barn raisings, miscellaneous farm buildings, aerial photos, and centennial farms. The Historical Society will scan your photos and the originals will return home with you. **Scanning will take place at the Museum on the following dates:**

Sunday, February 18th, 1-3 PM Tuesday, March 19th, 6-8 PM

Saturday, March 9th, 10 AM - 1 PM Sunday, April 14th, 1 - 3 PM

We look forward to seeing your contributions. While you are there, we will also pick your brains about other ideas for the farming series.

Any questions, call Margie Wirth at 989.640.4437 or 989.587.6984.

Westphalia Antique Roadshow will again be in town in our building on **Tuesday, March 12th, from 6-8 PM**. We will have Dennis Beard, Appraiser with almost 50 years experience with antiques. He asks you to limit your items to 2 and will do appraisals on items such as furniture, dishes, artwork, knickknacks, glassware. However, he does not appraise guns, coins, stamps or fine jewelry. Join us and find out if you are holding onto a family treasure. In case of inclement weather, we have a snow date of Wednesday, March 20th, 6-8 PM.

Pre-Cana Retreat: St. Joseph Pewamo -**Saturday March 2nd from 8:30 AM-5:30 PM** in the Activity Center. Cost is \$40 per couple and will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Please call or text Celena Thelen to register at 517-749-3844.

Clinton County Right to Life will be conducting its annual membership drive this month. Memberships are \$12 for families, \$6 for singles or any donation amount. Envelopes are available in the pews & bulletin stands, and can be returned to the parish office or the collection basket.

Our activities include: paying for a pro-life billboard on US 27 at French Road, sponsoring a high school oratory contest, holding an annual Focus on Life fundraiser in June, conducting a booth at the Mint Fest with a baby contest, walking in the Mint Fest parade, working to elect endorsed pro-life candidates who will work to implement pro-life laws and policies, educating on pro-life issues that come up at election time and throughout the year, praying in front of Planned Parenthood in the Frandor shopping mall, putting up our 600 crosses display at various spots in the county during the summer, and supporting area crisis pregnancy centers.

Your membership to support these activities is much appreciated. If you would like to get involved in a small way or big way, we welcome that as well! Call Karen Schafer at 989.587.3319 or text 989.383.0055 for more information.



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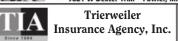
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