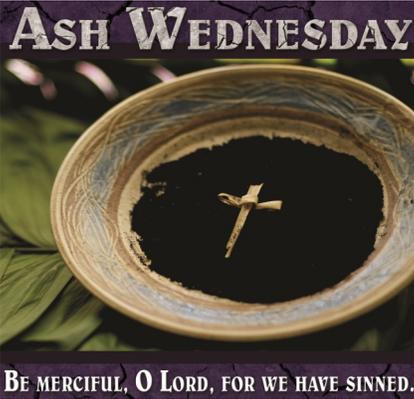


7th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St. Ann
Catholic Church

“Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”

Matthew 5:44



SPECIAL MASS TIME

Ash Wednesday opens Lent, and is a day of penitential fasting and prayer. You are invited during Mass to receive ashes on your forehead as a visible symbol of penance.

WED | FEB 26 | 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Did you know that the ashes for Ash Wednesday are made from the palms used at the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass? Ash Wednesday is meant to be a day of prayer and fasting and the ashes are intended to remind us that we have sinned and caused a

division from God. The ashes are worn as a sign of repentance, humility and renouncing pride. As the priest or deacon places the ashes on one's forehead he says, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." The ashes are considered a sacramental made by the blessing of the church. Although it is okay to remove the ashes after Mass, many people like to wear them for the rest of the day as a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those with a repentant heart.



2020 KALAMAZOO AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he

prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year. The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!" Priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, they are ready to welcome you.

Priests are working together during the Lenten season to offer a schedule that meets the needs of many. Everyone is invited to attend at the location that best suits your needs.

St. Catherine of Siena	Tuesday	10-Mar	6:30 pm
St. Ambrose, Parchment	Tuesday	17-Mar	7:00 pm
St. Monica	Wednesday	18-Mar	6:00 pm
St. Joseph, Kalamazoo	Friday	20-Mar	6:00 pm
St. Ann Gull Lake	Wednesday	25-Mar	6:30 pm
St. Mary Kalamazoo	Thursday	26-Mar	6:30 pm
St. Martin of Tours	Sunday	29-Mar	2:00 pm
St. Thomas More	Monday	30-Mar	7:00 pm
St. Augustine Cathedral	Sunday	5-Apr	3:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Weekly Lenten Friday Fish Fry

Dinner served from 5:00-7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

\$10 per person (dine in or take out)
\$35 per family of 4 or more

Menu Includes:

Baked & Fried Pollack | Fried Catfish | Mac & Cheese | Scalloped Potatoes | Baked Beans | Rolls | Fruit Cocktail | Coffee | Tea & Fruit Punch



Proceeds from each fish fry will support an Endowed Scholarship Fund at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.



LIGHT OF CHRIST ACADEMY

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Website: www.lightofchristacademy.org

"...the fruit of light is found in all that is good, and right, and true."

Ephesians 5:9



The Beauty of Light of Christ Academy!

Our academy exists for all to encounter Christ, who is Light, with hope that all will go out and transmit that light to our world. We support parents with an authentically Catholic environment, forming children in virtue, wisdom and eloquence while leading them in search of truth, goodness, and beauty.

At Light of Christ Academy, your child will encounter Christ at Holy Mass every morning, have the opportunity for frequent reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, learn about lives of the saints, be formed in virtues, contemplate and discuss ideas of the great thinkers of Western Civilization, formulate theorems and postulates to expand learning, apply reason and logic to their studies, and to discern what is the Will of God for their lives.

You will immediately notice, upon entering the academy, our unique and transcendent vision of education that rests first and foremost on a human anthropology. We recognize that God created us into Being and that all of humanity is one, good, true, and beautiful. Helping our students to discover the interconnectedness of all created things is the most authentic method of teaching as it nurtures an embodied approach to learning. Students then see that learning is not something "to do" but more of something "to be". Learning becomes incarnated and is given form.

Let us show you the beauty of a Catholic education. Contact Becky Reits for a tour.



Students brought their holy items to make 3rd class relics during a presentation by the Feldpausch family.



SIC FINGIT TABERNACULUM DEO

"Thus she frames a tabernacle for God." Such was the inscription around the figure of St. Anne instructing Mary, which formed the coat of arms of the ancient guild of joiners and cabinet-makers. As Mary was the tabernacle for Christ, we can consider St. Anne as the one who formed that tabernacle. Thank you Jen Carl for the new emblem design!

Sacred Heart Seminary Online Class— A message from Dave Pinto

I just wanted to take a minute, from the study routine, and let you know about a great, free, on-line Lenten program that is being offered through Sacred Heart. The professors are fantastic, as I have had many of them in classes. And, the program is geared to the in-the-pew faithful. This is a great stand alone program for individual enjoyment or as a group discussion adventure. It is one in a series of programs that the Seminary is offering to expand its footprint in the Archdiocese and beyond. I invite you to review this offering and see if it might not be something that you would want to offer either as a private study or as a larger group study in combination with whatever else you might be planning for Lent.

<http://explore.shms.edu/encounter>

If you have trouble navigating the log-on process, you can contact Bobby Kinkela: bobbyk@stannaugusta.org

Know that you are all in my prayer; that this Lenten Season may offer for you, the opportunity to become the best version of yourself that you can be.

In the Light of Christ,
David Pinto, T3,
Diocese of Kalamazoo



OLDER BUNCH FOR LUNCH Help Needed!

THUR I MARCH 5 | 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Older bunch for lunch is a senior citizen luncheon started by the United Way of Michigan almost thirty years ago. In the absence of a community center for seniors the United Way approached area churches and asked them to sponsor a luncheon followed by a short program to give senior citizens a time of education, entertainment but most of all fellowship. Many area churches responded, so much so that each church is responsible for only one luncheon a year. At St. Ann we

host OBFL the first Thursday in March. The menu is designed to provide a hot meal, usually something one would not prepare for one or two people. We serve approximately 80 people including staff and volunteers. It is a time to welcome local residents into our church, evangelize and shower them with hospitality. Sometimes baked goods are provided by volunteers. The time commitment is just one day a year from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The day involves setup, food prep, serving and cleanup. If you are interested in volunteering contact Melon Lasich at 269•731•5995.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Thank you to Tom & Ann Feldpausch and their family for bringing their vast relic collection and knowledge on Wednesday, February 12th! The collection was focused on Christ's life and companions, so the talk was very much a history lesson of our faith using the relics. We had over 100 people attend, and many people stayed after the hour & 20 minute talk to venerate the relics. In addition, our 100 Light of Christ Academy children also got to see the relics. You can listen to the talk on our website at stannaugusta.org/homilies and thanks for attending.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE!!

Help! We need more people willing to pray in front of Planned Parenthood on **Thursdays from February 27-April 2!**

WHY do we pray in front of Planned Parenthood??

- Abortion appointment cancellations increase by 70% when people are present praying.
- People in crisis are looking for a sign to help them decide what to do.
- To love is to sacrifice. In our busy lives TIME is the most precious gift we can offer in love to God.
- We can imagine the horror of learning that our sibling or child has planned to have an abortion. We would beg God to put someone in their path to show them another way. Why do we stand and pray - to BE the one we would wish for our own beloved sibling or child.

Contact Julia at mjckmarino@sbcglobal.net or 312-8271 to offer an hour of prayer or use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

PRAY WITH US IN THE CHAPEL!!

If you are unable to pray in front of Planned Parenthood you can still participate in 40 Days for Life. Join us in the Adoration Chapel from 3-4 pm on Thursdays (February 27 – April 2) to pray for Life!



16,742	104	196
LIVES SAVED SINCE 2007	ABORTION CENTERS CLOSED	ABORTION WORKERS QUIT

**MASS/SERVICE AND CONFESSION TIMES
MASS INTENTIONS**

Confession is 1 hour before every Mass for 45 minutes.

SAT FEB 22 SATURDAY VIGIL

Mass | 5:00 pm | †Ted Novak

SUN FEB 23 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass | 9:00 am | †Aida Killilea

11:00 am | The Parishioners of St. Ann Church

MON FEB 25 WEEKDAY

Mass | 8:30 am | †Tim Anthony

TUE FEB 25 WEEKDAY

Mass | 8:30 am | Special intention of Fr. Max Nightingale

WED FEB 26 ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass | 8:30 am | Special intention of Brooke Buth

7:00 pm | †Francis George

THU FEB 27 THUR AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass | 8:30 am | †Louise Kosmach

FRI FEB 28 FRI AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass | 8:30 am | Special intention of Father Marotti

SAT FEB 29 SATURDAY VIGIL

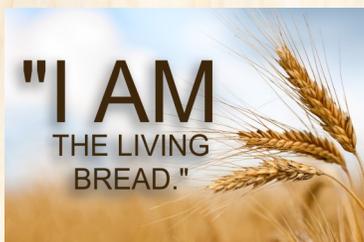
Mass | 5:00 pm | †Charles and Dorothy Romero

SUN MARCH 1 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass | 9:00 am | †Dick Sherman

11:00 am | The Parishioners of St. Ann Church

Mass intentions are a way to pray for the deceased or for a special intention. Contact the office to add a Mass intention. The suggested (not mandatory) offering is \$10.



DAILY READINGS

MON 24 | Jas 3:13-18 | Mk 9:14-29

TUE 25 | Jas 4:1-10 | Mk 9:30-37

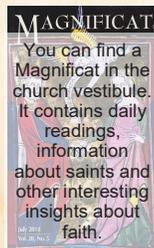
WED 26 | Jl 2:12-18 | 2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THU 27 | Dt 30:15-20 | Lk 9:22-25

FRI 28 | Is 58:1-9a | Mt 9:14-15

SAT 29 | Is 58:9b-14 | Lk 5:27-32

SUN 30 | Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Rom 5:12-19 | Mt 4:1-11



TEAMWORK NEEDED!

We are in need of adorers for some critical timeslots. If you are part of a group at the parish we are asking your group to adopt one of the timeslots. This could possibly amount to each member having to take one hour every couple of months or so. If you are already an adorer, you know this one extra hour occasionally will be a blessing in your life. If you are not an adorer you will be introduced to a new blessing! Please consider engaging your group to help fill this critical need in our parish.



Contact Brenda Sinkovitz for more information or for some strategies on how to engage your group at adoration@stannaugusta.org or 269•491•0377

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TEAM SCHEDULE

2/29-3/1	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Sacristan	D. Rzepka	D. Kaczanowski	T. Kubiak
E.M.	D. Rzepka	T. Nelson	T. Maddox
Lector	S. Eilertson	L. Green	D. Madden

Prayer Requests

If you would like to request that someone be put in the bulletin or on the prayer chain, please go to stannaugusta.org/prayer-chain and complete the form.

- ~Alice Beauchamp
- ~Joyce Beauchamp
- ~Leon Beauchamp
- ~Doree Boyle
- ~Jenni Carl
- ~Ron Carl
- ~Tom English
- ~Matt Fifelski
- ~Hans Geisler
- ~Deb Helton
- ~Lary Hill
- ~Lisa and Dave Iselli
- ~Kalisz Family
- ~William Kudrick
- ~Sheridan and Griffen Leatherman
- ~Kenny Levingston
- ~Tom Millard
- ~John Mursch
- ~Benni Nazarians
- ~Scott Oomen
- ~Robert Pennock
- ~Shane and Abigail Peterson
- ~Loretta Quarm
- ~Dan Reid
- ~Myles Parker Scharfenberger
- ~William Seppala
- ~John Spagnolo
- ~Deanna Lunardini and Tom Theisen

Note: Names will be kept on the list for 30 days. If you need to extend that re-submit the request at stannaugusta.org/prayer-chain

THE POPE'S FEB INTENTION:

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
St. Ann Parish
Conference Est. 2003**



It is a busy time in the St. Vincent office. Therefore thank you all for your support as we try to assist our neighbors in need through these winter months. We pray for you as you pray for us. Thank you.

Food Pantry needs:

- Tuna
- Shampoo
- Pancake mix
- Jelly
- Soup

Committee Meetings

WED | 1:00 pm (except 1st WED)
THUR | 7:00 pm (1st THUR)

Hours TUE/WED | 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Contact: PHONE | 269•389•0370
WEBSITE | svdpstannaugustam.com
EMAIL | stannsvdp1@gmail.com

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Collection

The Diocese of Kalamazoo is blessed with many senior priests. Although retired they continue to serve through prayer, assisting in parishes with Masses and confessions, visiting nursing homes and countless other ways. The special collection on March 1st will support our diocesan priests' retirement fund, which is not fully funded. Please prayerfully consider your gift.

Discovering Our Deepest Desire Marriage Enrichment

Thursdays, 7 -9 p.m., beginning March 5 through April 30
St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo

Discovery Our Deepest Desire is a Catholic Marriage Enrichment Program. For more information, please contact Keith and Hope Marotti at 269-353-1213.

Limited to 12 couples. Cost for materials is \$25 per couple.

Prepare for Lent and 40 Days for Life! Learn how to be a Sidewalk Counselor; a Sidewalk Advocate for Life. Tuesday, February 25 or March 3 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm in Oshtemo. Call Mary at 219-393-0644 to register. A \$20.00 fee is due upon arrival at the training. Food, beverages and training materials will be provided. For more information go to www.sidewalkadvocates.org

STEWARDSHIP

Collection	
2/2	\$ 8,900.00
2/9	\$ 10,259.0
2/16	\$ 10,152.99
2/23	
Electronic Gifts	\$ 4,603.00
Total FEB	\$ 33,915.79
Year to Date	\$448,925.70

Parish Finance Council Members:

Jeanne Blondia, Bill English, Todd Maddox, Martha Reid, Tom Zavitz

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

MON | 9:00-11:00 am
Social Hall
Lesley Bodary at
lkbodary@gmail.com

MONDAY EVENING CATHOLIC STUDIES

MON | 6:00-8:00 pm
Social Hall
Melon Lasich
honeydo55@aol.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

TUE | 7:15 pm (1st Tuesday)
Music Room
Mark Gentilia
mark.gentilia@gmail.com

MARIAN MISSIONARIES

2nd THURS | after 8:30 am
Mass | Main Church
Sandra Sherwood
ejsherwood@charter.net

MEN'S BASKETBALL

MON & THU | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
LCA Gym
Matt Nusbaum
mnusbaum@flexfab.com

THE FORGE MEN'S GROUP

SAT | 8:00-9:00 am
(2nd and 4th Saturdays)
Library
Mike Marino at 269-589-9186

MEN'S CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

SAT | 6:30 am
2nd and 4th Saturdays
Tom Zavitz at
tzavitz@aol.com

RESPECT LIFE GROUP

SUN | 10:00-10:50 am (3rd Sun)
Outer Conference Room
Julia Marino
mjckmarino@sbcglobal.net

WEEKLY ROSARY

40 minutes prior to the
SAT 5:00 pm Mass and the
SUN 11:00 am Mass

PERPETUAL ADORATION

All are welcome at any time.
Just knock on the door and
the scheduled adorer will let
you in the chapel.
Brenda Sinkovitz
adoration@stannaugusta.org
269-491-0377

VIRTUS All volunteers who
want to work with vulnerable
populations must contact the
Safe Environment Coordinator
Bobby Kinkela
bobbyk@stannaugusta.org
269-791-4721 Ext. 50

Abuse hotline: 877-802-0115

**View our supporter of
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If you are interested in finding out more about Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Holy Matrimony, becoming Catholic (RCIA), religious education for children, or Adult Faith formation, contact Pat Vanderpool at patv@stannaugusta.org or 269-731-0295

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