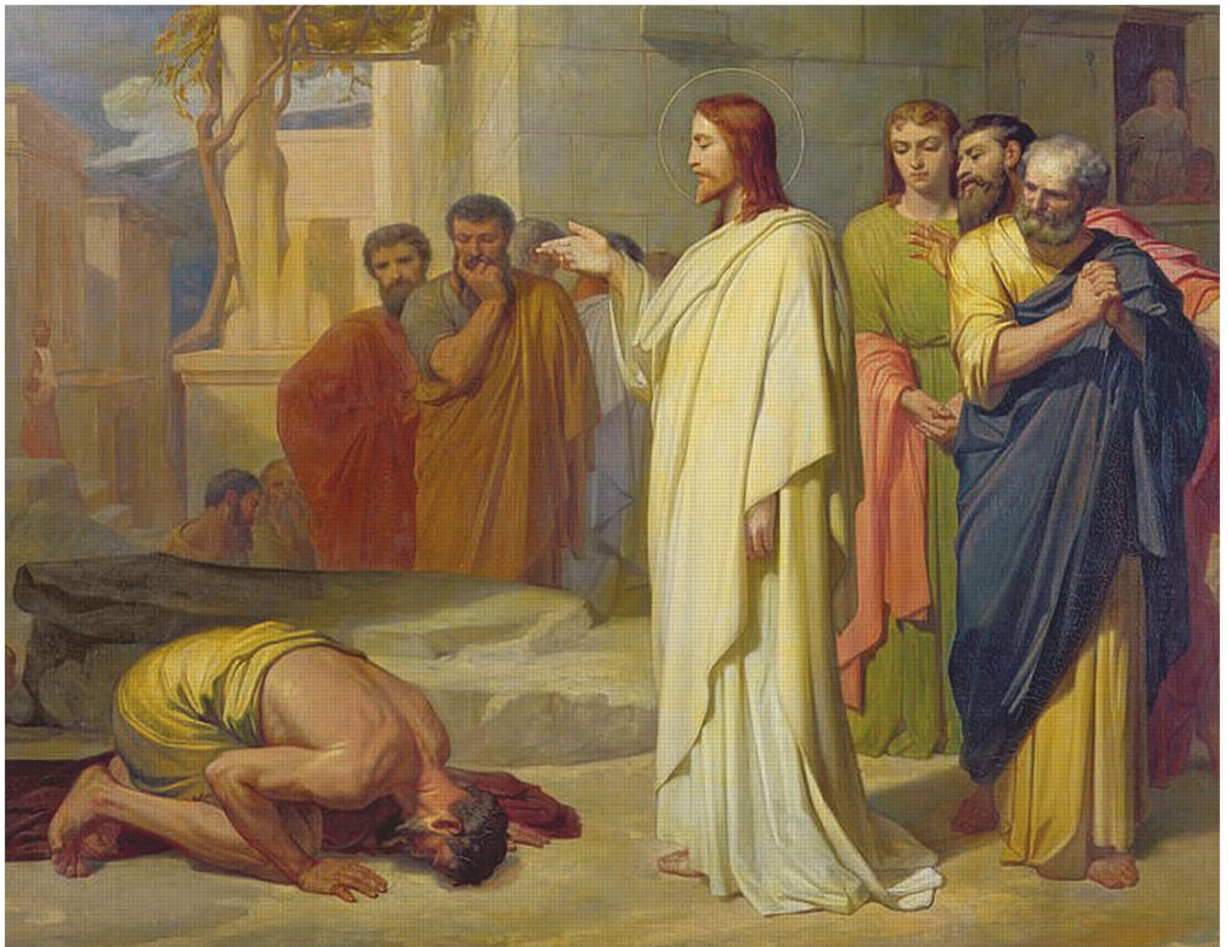


6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him
and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

Mk 1:40



En aquel tiempo, se le acercó a Jesús un leproso
para suplicarle de rodillas: "Si tú quieres, puedes curarme".

Mc 1, 40

6° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Growing up in the 1950's-60's, Lent for me and my sisters was hard: we had to think of something to give up for Lent. Since we didn't get candy very often, for many years we opted to give up candy for Lent, making it easy on ourselves. Wouldn't you know that my parents and grandparents would choose that time of year to all of a sudden give us candy, which meant it had to go in a shoebox that we couldn't open until Easter morning.



Thank goodness times have changed! We are asked to pray, fast, learn, and give. So, how can we instill Lenten sacrifice in our lives? The Rice Bowl program, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, is a good opportunity to teach our families about people in parts of the world who have very little. Let's teach our children about places where a bowl of rice is the only thing they have to eat. Let's teach our children the beauty and simplicity of prayer, and include those who are struggling to find food and shelter in our daily prayers. Can we educate our families about the hardships caused by climate changes in countries where running water is a luxury, and harsh weather causes crop loss?

There are many interesting and fun ways to donate to the Rice Bowl throughout Lent. When I kept a Rice Bowl in my classroom at St. Basil, kids had to put in ten cents every time they used the words "stuff" and "things" and "like." When my kids were little, if I'd had a quarter for every wayward sock or Lego brick my kids left out, our Rice Bowl would've been full in a week! One year at home we used it as a "swear jar" – not only did the Rice Bowl collect a great deal of coins that year (25 cents for a bad word, 50 cents if you directed it at someone), it also made us mindful of our language. And that's the key: Be mindful.

The focus of the Rice Bowl is the corporal work of mercy: Feed the hungry. When you take a Rice Bowl home this weekend, you'll find a copy of a Lenten calendar inviting you to become more mindful of the hungry. Visit the CRS website for more information, www.crsricebowl.org. There are some videos you could watch as a family to better understand world hunger, and see just how much of a difference your donation can make. We CAN make a difference!

Cecilia Wondergem

Ash Wednesday Schedule

St. Basil

9:00 a.m.	Mass and ashes distribution
12:15 p.m.	Scripture service and ashes distribution
5:30 p.m.	Mass and ashes distribution
7:00 p.m.	Mass and ashes distribution (Spanish)

St. Peter Parish, Douglas

8:30 a.m.	Mass and ashes distribution
12:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word and ashes distribution
5:30 p.m.	Mass and ashes distribution

Al crecer en las décadas de 1950 y 1960, la Cuaresma para mí y mis hermanas era difícil: teníamos que decidir a qué renunciar durante la Cuaresma.



Como no conseguíamos dulces con mucha frecuencia, durante muchos años optamos por renunciar a los dulces durante la Cuaresma, y eso nos hizo fácil las cosas. ¿No sabrías que mis padres y abuelos el'egían esa época del año para, de repente, darnos dulces? Teníamos que poner los dulces en una caja de zapatos que no podíamos abrir hasta la mañana de Pascua.

¡Gracias a Dios los tiempos han cambiado! Se nos pide orar, ayunar, aprender y dar. ¿Cómo podemos inculcar el sacrificio cuaresmal en nuestras vidas? El programa Plato de Arroz, patrocinado por CRS (Catholic Relief Services), es una buena oportunidad para enseñar a nuestras familias sobre las personas en partes del mundo que tienen muy poco. Enseñemos a nuestros hijos sobre lugares donde un plato de arroz es lo único que tienen para comer. Enseñemos a nuestros hijos la belleza y la sencillez de la oración, e incluyamos en nuestras oraciones diarias a aquellos que luchan por encontrar comida y refugio. ¿Podemos educar a nuestras familias sobre las dificultades causadas por los cambios climáticos en países donde el agua corriente es un lujo y las inclemencias del tiempo provocan la pérdida de cosechas?

Hay muchas maneras interesantes y divertidas de donar al Plato de Arroz durante la Cuaresma. Cuando tenía un plato de arroz en mi salón de clases en St. Basilio, los niños tenían que aportar diez centavos cada vez que usaban las palabras malas o muletillas. Cuando mis hijos eran pequeños, si tuviera una moneda de veinticinco centavos por cada calcetín descarriado o ladrillo de Lego que mis hijos dejaban, ¡nuestro plato de arroz habría estado lleno en una semana! Un año lo usamos en casa como "tarro de malas palabras"; el Plato de Arroz no solo recogió una gran cantidad de monedas ese año (25 centavos por una mala palabra, 50 centavos si se la dirigías a alguien), sino que también nos hizo conscientes de nuestra lengua. Y esa es la clave: sea consciente.

El enfoque del Plato de Arroz es la obra de misericordia corporal: alimentar al hambriento. Cuando lleves un plato de arroz a casa este fin de semana, encontrarás una copia de un calendario de Cuaresma que te invita a ser más consciente de los hambrientos. Visite el sitio web de CRS para obtener más información, www.crsricebowl.org/es. Hay algunos videos que podrían ver en familia para comprender mejor el hambre en el mundo y ver la gran diferencia que puede hacer su donación. Nosotros podemos hacer la diferencia!

Cecilia Wondergem

Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings in Lent
beginning February 16 7:00 p.m.





Scripture Readings for the Week of February 11

Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45
Monday	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Memorial of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, Religious Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

In Our Diocese

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number setup by the Michigan Attorney General's office at (844) 324-3374. The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

Listening Session Vision 2030

February 15, 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. In the Upper Level

Be sure to take part! What are the best qualities of St. Basil? What are our challenges? How can we grow in our faith, our discipleship, and our service to others? What should our parish look like in 2030? Come join your fellow parishioners and plan to enjoy a lively process that ensures that your ideas will be heard. Call the parish office to let us know which session you'll attend! 269-637-2404



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Every Friday in Lent 5:00-7:00 p.m.

In the church basement

\$14 adults, \$6 kids 12 and under

Meal includes fried or baked fish, French fries, baked potato, macaroni and cheese, vegetable, cole slaw, rolls, dessert, and beverage.

Religious Education

1st Year Confirmation

Sunday, February 18, 10:00 a.m.

2nd Year Confirmation

Sunday, February 18, 12:15 p.m.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10

5:00 p.m. † Morgan Miles

7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, February 11

9:00 a.m. † William Murphy, 1st anniversary

11:00 a.m. † Felipe Figuracion

Monday, February 12 No Mass

Tuesday, February 13

9:00 a.m. † Barbara Munn

Wednesday, February 14

9:00 a.m. People of the parish

5:30 p.m. People of the parish

7:00 p.m. People of the parish

Thursday, February 15

9:00 a.m. † Bennett Mills

Friday, February 16

9:00 a.m. † Lucille Wabanimkee, 1st anniversary

Saturday, February 17

5:00 p.m. † Harrison Brigham

7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, February 18

9:00 a.m. † Helen Zappa

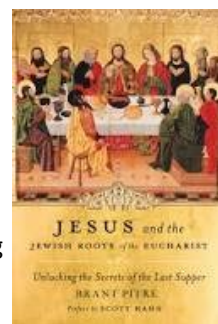
11:00 a.m. † Jon Zurek

Lenten Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.

in the Upper Level

Looking for some great spiritual reading and discussion for Lent? You are invited to a read and discuss "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper" by Brant Pitre. This will make the Eucharist come alive and give you a better appreciation of Holy Thursday and our Mass as a whole.



Please pray for...

Barbara Munn,
longtime parishioner,

that she may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for her family and friends, that they find peace in the promises of Christ.

St. Basil Catholic School

Thank you to all our parents, volunteers, parishioners, Booster Club, Knights of Columbus, and Women's Service Guild for helping us make this the best CSW yet! From theme days to pancakes and ice cream, from ice skating to a cornhole tournament, the week was filled with fun as we celebrated the joy of attending a Catholic school.



Save the Dates!

February 21 Culver's Give Back Night 5-8 p.m.

March 9 Trivia Night Church basement 6:30 p.m.
Teams of ten players compete...more details will be coming soon!

Our Booster Club is very active in planning events and opportunities for you to support our school!

Parish Closings Due to Weather

The church will be closed if South Haven Schools are closed due to hazardous road conditions. In the event of a **school delay**, we **delay opening the church** as well. And, if schools are closed, our parish office will also be closed.

If the church is closed, the Mass intention for that day will be moved to the nearest date available unless you contact the office. Parish closings will be posted on both WWMT Channel 3 and WOODTV-8.

Can You Help?

Food Pantry

Please take non-perishable food items to First Congregational Church, 651 Phoenix Street. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. till noon.

Personal Care Pantry/Baby Care

First Assembly of God, 06500 Blue Star Hwy.
Wednesdays 10:00 –1:00

Blessings in a Backpack

We will pack on Thursdays: February 22, March 27, April 25, and May 23. Please arrive at North Shore Elementary School at 10:30. If you can volunteer for about an hour, you can make a big difference for children in need of food over the weekend. Please note that when SHPS are closed, we do not pack. You are welcome to be part of the packing crew for any and all dates.

Warm Your ♥ Soup Luncheon

Sunday, February 25 12:00—2:00 p.m.

Free will offering for We Care I.N.C. Heating Assistance

Women's Service Guild is sponsoring a soup luncheon for We Care I.N.C. If you can make a crockpot of soup to donate, or provide bread/rolls or dessert, please contact Char Maternowski-Paul at 219-670-1037.



Grotto Paver Bricks

Available for purchase with installation in the spring. Contact the parish office or stop by and pick up a form.

Stained Glass Booklets

These booklets explain each stained glass window of our church, along with the Bible reference. Pick one up at the parish office for a donation of \$5.



Church Replicas

Also available at the office are the beautiful wooden replicas of our church, \$25 donation. This is a lovely remembrance of our church in celebration of our centennial!



That Man Is You (TMIY)

Saturday mornings, 7:30-8:45

Contact Deacon John for more information: jlohstorfer@yahoo.com.



Our Stewardship

February 4

Envelope Offering (75)	\$16,223.99
Electronic Contributions	not available
Loose Offering	\$ 1,643.36
Total Collection	\$ 17,867.35
Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 13,750.00
Over/Under	\$ 4,117.35

Mission Statement

Called by Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to live the Good News of Christ through Worship, Evangelization, Service, Spiritual Formation, and Stewardship.

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation..*

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Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m. (en Español)

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday, & Friday 9:00 a.m.

No Mass on Monday

- So that we all may be fully present at Mass, please silence your cell phones.
- We ask that you be considerate of others if you are coughing or sick by refraining from the handshake of peace. This is thoughtful consideration for the rest of the parish community.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridayafter morning Mass,
with Benediction at 2:30

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Low-Gluten Hosts

We offer low-gluten hosts at ALL Masses, both weekend and daily. They are available at the front of church (and also in the back on weekends). Simply ask the Eucharistic minister.

Mass In Our Collaborative

St. Peter, Douglas, MI

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Mon., Tues. Thurs., Fri. 8:30 a.m.

San Felipe, Fennville, MI

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 12:30 p.m.